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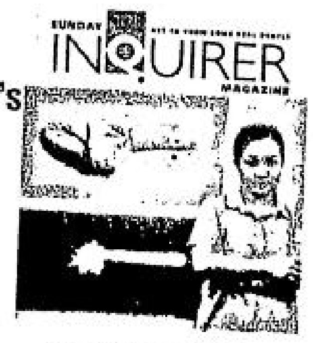

NONA GARCIA

# More perks for military

JOAN BUNDOC

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF against a landscape of greenery and mountains and the scent of pine trees in the Baguio air, passes in review of PMA cadets during the annual homecoming of the PMA Alumni Association.

## Gloria to 'mistahs': Don't turn your backs on me

**BY DONNA S. CUETO AND PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU**

**FORT DEL PILAR, Baguio City—President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday announced an increase in soldiers' benefits and appealed for their support in helping her keep her promise of good governance.**

Speaking to active and retired officers of the elite Philippine Military Academy on the occasion of the annual homecoming of the PMA Alumni Association, Ms Macapagal stressed the military's role in People Power II that toppled her disgraced predecessor, Joseph Estrada, on Jan. 20.

She praised the PMA cavaliers for their role in helping ensure that the people's will was respected and "the country's tailspin" and possible "civil war chaos" averted.

"Your gallant display of courage and integrity and your firm loyalty to the Constitution opened the floodgates to a peaceful and constitutional solution to the present crisis," the President told her audience of about 2,000 alumni.

"Once again, you showed that a person cannot go wrong if he lives by the virtues such as those inculcated by the PMA," she said.

The President also called on the retired and active officers not to turn their backs on her and her administration, as deposed President Joseph Estrada vowed to pursue his battle to regain the presidency at the Supreme Court.

It was the latest in a series of speeches given by the President to the military and police, whose defection during People Power II helped bring about the collapse of the Estrada administration.

At the end of her speech, she announced her approval of a joint food production and livelihood program package proposed by the Departments of Agriculture and of National Defense that would raise the income and living standards of all soldiers.

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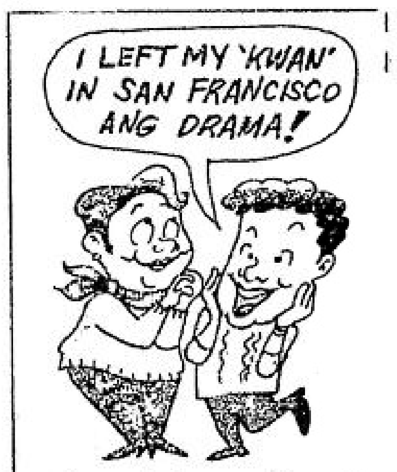
I LEFT MY 'KWAN' IN SAN FRANCISCO ANG DRAMA!

## *San Fo to fund sex change for city employees*

SAN FRANCISCO—This California city that symbolizes liberalism and sexual openness is about to extend its health insurance to cover sex-change operations for its municipal employees.

The Board of Supervisors and Mayor Willie Brown are expected to sign within the next couple of weeks the measure that will extend up

SAN FO/ A17

## TALE OF 2 (SQUATTER) CITIES

## Erap City folk not for Erap; they went to Edsa

**BY AGNES E. DONATO**

IN "Erap City," there is little love lost for ousted President Joseph Estrada.

When residents of this resettlement and mass housing project in Barangay San Jose, Rodriguez, Rizal, trooped to the Edsa Shrine last month, it was with little gratitude for their supposed benefactor.

Kasiglahan Village, one of the inhabited sections of Erap City, has a swimming pool and a clubhouse, but that is where luxury stops and a long list of complaints begin.

The residents say they only have electricity from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Much of the water is not potable. Children have to either bring their own chairs or sit on the floor in the neighborhood school. The sick have to be taken to the Rodriguez town proper to be treated by a doctor. And so on.

"We never owed Erap anything," said resident Noby Puriscal. "This housing project was under construction long before he became president, but he took all the credit by naming it after him."

"We are used to sacrificing and we can bear with all this, for now at least. But our most immediate concern really is to have a means of livelihood," complained Benny Sandoy, 31.

Sandoy, who lost his mother, wife and three children in the tragic Payatas dumpsite avalanche in July last year, lives alone in one of the smallest Erap City units.

Employed in the local cooperative store, Sandoy said that most of the unemployed peo-

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## Where Erap is still considered president

**BY CHRISTIAN V. ESGUERRA**

IT COULD well be Joseph Estrada's last kingdom, a patch in the metropolis where he will be considered the president for the rest of his life.

In a sprawling squatter community in Taytay, Rizal, residents support and embrace the disgraced leader unconditionally, to the point of promising to die for him.

"*Napakabait na tao ni Erap. Hindi niya kami pinapabayaan. Mahal na mahal niya kami* (Erap's such a good man. He doesn't neglect us. He loves us very much)," businesswoman Merlyn Santos, 42, told the INQUIRER in a recent interview.

Call it blind loyalty, but residents of "Erap Country" refuse to accept the idea that their champion might be anything less than perfect.

"*Mabait at tapat si Erap. Hindi siya magnanakaw. Kung talagang magnanakaw siya, siguro mayaman na kami ngayon* (Erap is good and honest. He isn't a thief. If he were, we would probably be rich by now)," a teary-eyed Cely Par, 62, insisted.

Santos and Par live in a community of 10,000 families in Barangay San Lorenzo Ruiz. Many of the residents are die-hard Estrada loyalists.

And for good reason. The 18,000-hectare property used to be a wasteland before the Estrada family gradually converted it into a relative paradise for former squatters of San Juan.

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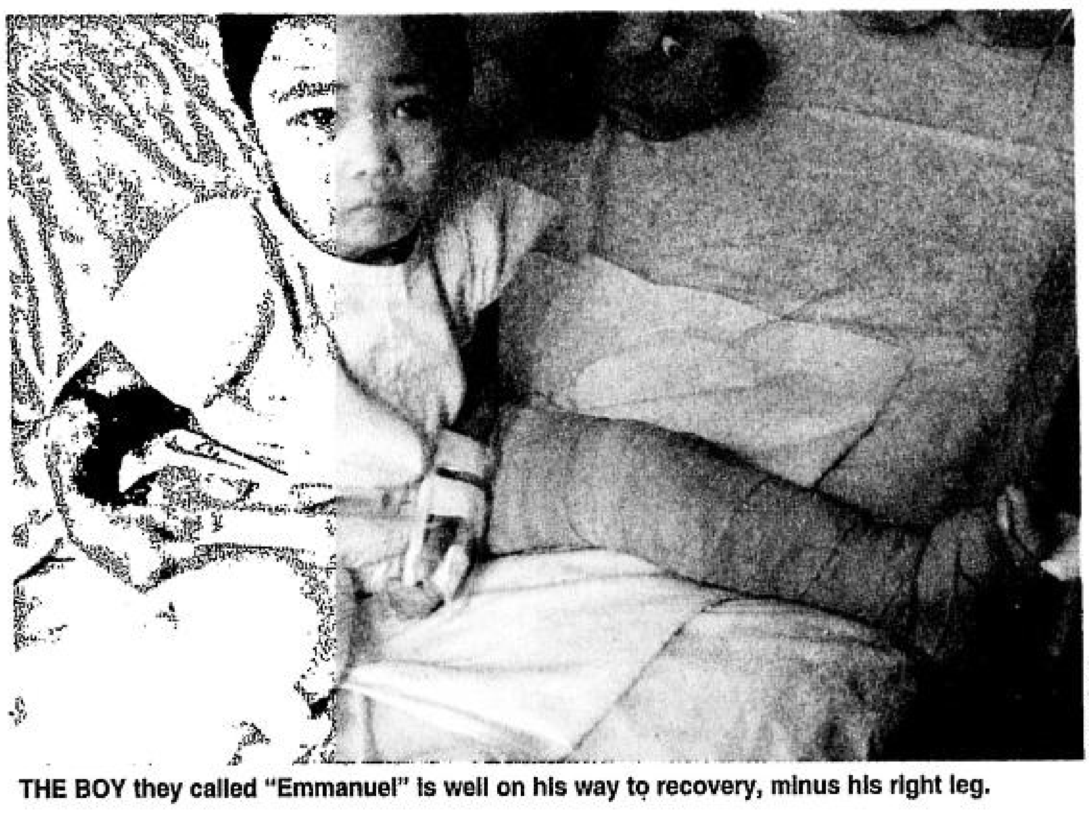
JESS YUSON

THE BOY they called "Emmanuel" is well on his way to recovery, minus his right leg.

## Boy in LRT blast well, thanks to kind strangers

**BY JERRY ESPLANADA**

BY A miracle and through the kindness of strangers, 3-year-old bombing survivor Joe Marwin Torlao is well on the way to recovery.

But his mother Rosalea is deep in debt and close to despair, having lost not only her husband Roweno but also her dreams in the deadliest of five bomb attacks that struck Metro Manila last Dec. 30.

Joe Marwin came to be known as "Emmanuel" because no one could identify him after almost a week at the hospital.

Attending doctors might have mistakenly heard "Emmanuel" when they asked the boy his name while he was being treated for burns.

Up to now, some visitors and members of the hospital staff still call him by that name, his mother said.

Rosalea, 25, believes that President Macapagal-Arroyo "will help us and will not let us down."

"She's also a mother. I'm sure she knows how I feel about my family's misfortune and our cry for justice," she tearfully told the INQUIRER the other day at Room 441 of the Chinese General Hospital.

Joe Marwin, whom his mother fondly calls Buboy, has stayed in this room for more than seven weeks now.

"I am appealing for justice. I am making this appeal as a mother,"

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NAKU! ORAS NA NAMAN NG PAGTITIPID!

# Cooking gas prices hiked

By Christine A. Gaylican

**PRICES of liquefied petroleum gas, which is used for cooking by a majority of Filipino households, went up by an average of P16.50 per cylinder yesterday.**

The new increase would bring the price of an 11 kg-cylinder LPG to between P265 and P275.

Industry leader Petron Corp., which controls about 25 percent of the domestic LPG market, started off the LPG price adjustments yesterday. The other major refiners—Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. and Caltex Philippines Inc.—are expected to follow suit this weekend.

The country's LPG market remains dominated by the "Big Three" oil refiners—Pilipinas Shell (Shellane), Petron (Gasul) and Caltex (Star Flame).

Oil company officials said they had to increase their LPG prices to cope with the rising international prices of LPG in the past few months.

The so-called new oil players have accused the "Big Three" of predatory pricing, for postponing their price increases despite incurring huge costs from the changes in the world contract price of LPG.

The new entrants have grabbed 40 percent of the domestic LPG market through aggressive underpricing. Total Petroleum Philippines Corp., Liquigaz, Pryce Gases are some of the new oil players that are currently running neck-and-neck with the "Big Three."

The LPG of the new players sell from P9 to P10 lower than that of the average P275 per 11-kg cylinder price of the oil majors.

Contract prices of LPG have been rising in the world market—now averaging $332.50 per metric ton in February from last December's $296.50—because of higher demand, the Petroleum Institute of the Philippines said.

The $36 increase in LPG contract prices does not include the specific taxes and shipment costs, the PIP said.

According to PIP executive director Reynaldo Marquez, LPG is in high demand because, apart from its extensive use for cooking and heating purposes, it is also used by petrochemical refineries worldwide.

"Though there was a softening in the prices of crude and other petroleum products in December and January, the price of LPG has continued to escalate," Marquez said.

Because LPG is a "socially sensitive" commodity, price adjustments of the product have been postponed and have not randomly corresponded to the price movements of other fuel products.

The last LPG price adjustment occurred last July when producers increased their prices by P11 per 11-kg cylinder.

As early as October last year, Petron had been looking at a P16 increase for every 11-kg of cooking gas.

# 'Mistahs' seek justice for Jessica

FORT DEL PILAR, Baguio City—With black ribbons pinned on their shirts, about 100 members of the Philippine Military Academy's Sanghaya Class 2000 mourned the death of their *mistah*, 2nd Lt. Jessica Chavez during the PMA Alumni homecoming here yesterday.

At the same time, Chavez's classmates said they would ask President Macapagal-Arroyo to order an independent investigation of her death.

Chavez was found dead in her barracks at Fort Bonifacio in Makati City on Feb. 9. The National Bureau of Investigation ruled out suicide in Chavez's death, after an NBI autopsy showed that the gun was fired at a distance.

"We would draft an open letter to the President (to look into Jessica's death)," a spokesperson of the class, a Navy ensign assigned in Palawan, told the INQUIRER.

A classmate, 2nd Lt. Jinky Perez, earlier told the INQUIRER that Chavez was looking forward to attending the alumni reunion with her *mistahs*, the youngest graduates of the 103-year-old PMA.

The Class 2000 spokesperson said the members of the class agreed to wear black ribbons for Chavez. They also wore a black- and green-striped class shirt during the parade with the class motto "*Katarungan, Katungkulan, Karangalan* (Justice, Duty, Honor)" emblazoned on it.

"*Ginawa namin ito talaga para sa kanya* (We did this especially for her)," he told the INQUIRER.

He said the class would ask for another "credible body" to investigate the circumstances surrounding Chavez's death.

He did not say what agency they were planning to tap for the investigation, saying class members would still discuss it.

Asked if they were not satisfied with the result of police and NBI investigations, the class spokesperson said: "*Hindi naman ganoon. Gusto lang naming makuha lahat ng* angles (It's not that. We just wanted to get all angles surrounding her death)."

He said the class is exerting all efforts to help Chavez's family uncover the truth after her parents told them that what they want is justice for their daughter.

"*Masakit sa amin yun, eh* (We are pained by her death). Our concern now is her parents," he said.

He said the members of the class believe that Chavez would not kill herself. ***Robert Abaño, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

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### 'THEY'RE STILL OUT THERE'

# Pimentel warns of poll cheating

**By Froilan Gallardo**
*PDI Mindanao Bureau*

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—Senate President Aquilino Pimentel Jr. has warned that the widespread cheating that occurred in past elections could be repeated in the May 14 polls since the perpetrators of the fraud are still free.

Pimentel told participants to the Association of Women Journalists forum on election coverage here Wednesday that the network of election supervisors that cheated him in the *dagdag-bawas* (add-subtract) scam of 1995 is still intact and might be used again in the coming polls.

"(This time) it might not be *dagdag-bawas* but you can trust cheaters to have inventive minds," Pimentel said.

He said that of the poll officials who were involved in the electoral fraud against him, only one was successfully prosecuted—an election supervisor in Alaminos, Laguna.

Pimentel said that he was cheated of at least 30,000 votes when these were not credited to him at the provincial canvassing level where senatorial candidates did not have watchers.

He said the fraud was replicated in other provinces like Ilocos Norte and Bataan.

"Many of the culprits went unpunished and are still out there," he said.

In light of this, he urged the media to be vigilant in monitoring the flow of electoral certificates from the towns and cities to the provincial level.

Recent elections have been marred by charges of *dagdag-bawas* where one candidate's votes are taken from him and credited to another.

Among the more prominent politicians who have been involved either as victims or suspects in the fraud are Senators Juan Ponce Enrile, Miriam Defensor Santiago and Tessie Aquino-Oreta.

Some fraud cases from past elections remain unresolved to this day.

In Northern Mindanao, the Commission on Elections has been busy producing posters urging voters to make the coming elections peaceful and honest.

Lawyer Virgilio Garcillano, Comelec regional director for Northern Mindanao, said 15,000 posters will be put up in public places and government offices.

"For the sake of your children's future, don't sell your vote," reads one of the posters in the vernacular.

Garcillano said some politicians are planning to hire all available public vehicles in their localities to control the flow of voters to the polling centers.

Only those voting for the politicians would be allowed to ride on the vehicles, he said.

Meanwhile, the Comelec has listed 28 barangays in Gingoog City and eight towns in Misamis Oriental as potential hotspots in the coming polls.

## *Mike gives lensmen run for their money*

ARROYO

BAGUIO CITY—First Gentleman Mike Arroyo jostled with news photographers as his wife President Macapagal-Arroyo opened the street dancing to inaugurate the nine-day Panagbenga Flower Festival here.

Arroyo, a camera buff, tried to outbox the swarming lensmen as the President shook hands with well-wishers who lined Session Road to catch the colorful parade of native dances and marching bands.

Some 150,000 people, mostly from Metro Manila, watched as some 10,000 schoolchildren wearing colorful costumes swayed to Cordillera ethnic music on their way to Burnham Park two kilometers away.

Nippy weather greeted the visitors as temperatures dropped to 10.6 degrees Centigrade yesterday morning, the coldest it has been in the city in the past two years.

Ms Macapagal, who had earlier addressed the Philippine Military Academy alumni homecoming at Fort Del Pilar, mingled with the crowd for about 15 minutes before going to a meeting with city residents.

Senatorial candidates Franklin Drilon and Winnie Monsod took advantage of the big crowd and joined the parade with Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon and city officials.

More than 50 groups, mostly from Baguio schools, participated in the four-hour spectacle, the first of two opening highlights of the festival.

This morning, a floral float parade will be held on Session Road to showcase the booming cut-flower industry in the Cordilleras.

For the first time since the festival started in 1996, foreign students and religious groups joined the parade.

Other festival activities include a landscape and plant exhibit and a market encounter featuring ornamental plants and novelty items for sale at Camp John Hay. *Rolando Fernandez and Gobleth Moulic, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

# People's Heroes Awards

THE COUNCIL on Philippine Affairs (Copa) will present the 1st People's Heroes Awards to those who played major roles in the events that led up to People Power II.

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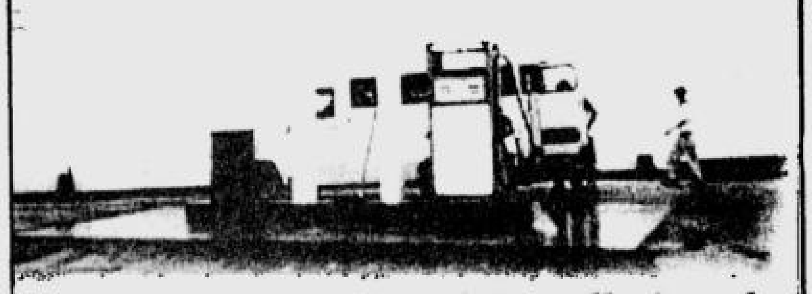

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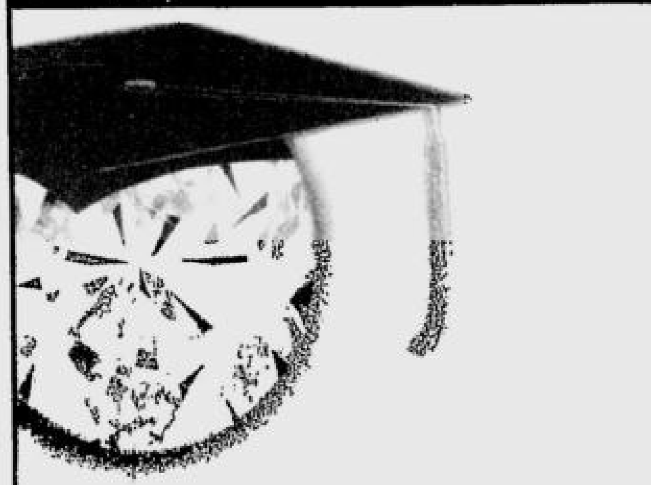

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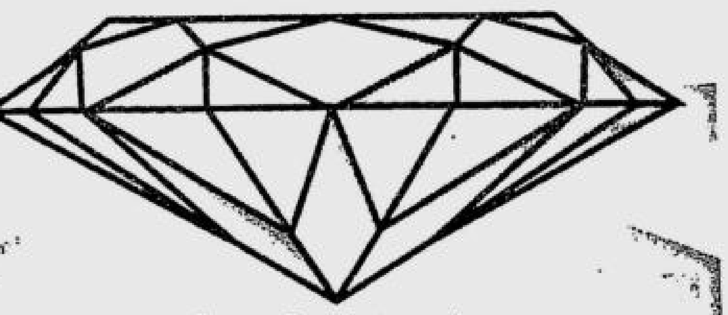

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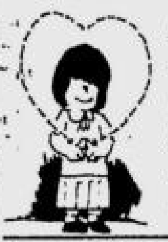

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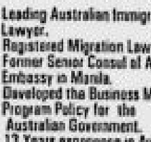

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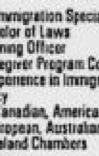

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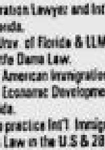

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# LDP bets warn PPC against gov't purge

THE SENATORIAL race is on and the first brickbats have been hurled against the Macapagal administration and its People Power Coalition (PPC).

Candidates of the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino yesterday warned the new administration against purging career officials from their government jobs simply because they were suspected of being sympathetic to former President Joseph Estrada.

The LDP candidates are Edgardo Angara, Dr. Luisa Ejercito-Estrada, Gregorio Honasan, Panfilo Lacson, Juan Ponce Enrile, Ricardo Puno, Miriam Defensor-Santiago, Jamby Madrigal and Ombra Tamano.

In a statement, the party said it had received reports of "courtesy" and "forced" resignations being demanded from career government officials by newly appointed administration officials.

"Public servants should be shielded from politics," the statement said. "They are the bedrock of government service. Most of them have dedicated their lives in the service of government."

At the same time, a pro-Estrada group vowed yesterday to campaign against the senatorial candidates of the PPC, saying the May elections will be a "confidence vote on the continued presidency" of Estrada.

The People's Movement Against Poverty (PMAP) launched the campaign it called "Ibasura Politikong Kontra Masa" (Junk Anti-Masses Politicians) and confidently predicted the defeat of the PPC.

"With the continued overwhelming popularity of President Estrada, especially in the rural areas, the opposition senatorial lineup will deal a stunning blow to the usurpers in Malacañang," Lumbao said.

Lumbao said the coming election is "a referendum on the legitimacy of the Macapagal administration and the so-called People Power II."

Parroting Estrada and his supporters, Lumbao dismissed People Power II as "nothing but a form of mob rule that only the economic elite could stage and manipulate since they have the resources for that form of street struggle."

The poor, he said, do not have the logistics to undertake their own "people power."

"What we lost at Edsa, we will recover through the ballot in May," he added.

The LDP, meantime, said career government officials have been above politics and their dedication to non-partisanship was one of the "brightest spots" in the bureaucracy.

"Now comes the new (administration) forcing them to resign to give way to its cronies, friends and associates," the party's statement said.

The LDP said it is compiling data on the harassment being perpetrated against the career officials by the administration.

It said the administration must stop its "politics of hate" so that the candidates could sensibly discuss the issues affecting the country.

"The battleground should be ideas, advocacy, track records and platforms," the LDP statement said.

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# *People power coalition starts drive in Laguna*

SAN PEDRO, Laguna—Government is service, not business.

With this battle cry the People Power Coalition yesterday kicked off its senatorial campaign in Estrada country.

The administration candidates made whistlestop campaigns in the towns of Pacita, Biñan and Sta. Rosa before converging in its proclamation rally at the San Pedro town plaza.

The PPC ticket held another rally in Muntinlupa City.

Vice President Teofisto Guingona Jr., campaign manager, led the rally.

"We are here to tell the people about the lessons we learned from people power. For example, government is service, not business," Guingona said.

Candidate Roberto Pagdanganan said Laguna was chosen as kick-off point because it was the first province to organize a coalition fort.

Guingona said President Macapagal-Arroyo would join some of the sorties starting with her home province of Pampanga on Tuesday.

# Poor schoolkids now have shot at private education

By Blanche S. Rivera

POOR children who otherwise would be unable to enter school may get a chance to study, possibly in the better-standard private schools, if plans to adopt a voucher system popular in the United States push through.

Education Secretary Raul Roco said he would work for the implementation of the Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education, an education department program that allows children from the marginalized sector to study in private institutions if they are not accommodated in state schools.

Many school-age children have been excluded from the public schools nearest them because these are often already full. Their only option is the largely unaffordable private schools.

Roco said he would like to revive the GASTPE, which he described as similar to "the voucher system that made Bill Clinton popular in the United States," because it would benefit not only the excluded children but also the accredited private schools.

Roco said the enrollment of government-funded poor students in private schools would boost the income of these institutions, which have been experiencing a steady decrease in enrollment because of the proliferation of illegal learning centers.

Roco said the DECS had allocated P700 million for the GASTPE this year.

But he said the budget would not be spread equally among the private schools. Rather, the allocation of the funds would depend on the capacity of the schools to accommodate more children and the presence, or lack, of public education in their areas.

"Since there are only 3,000 private schools, they could get around P200,000 each," Roco estimated. "But I don't think all schools would need that amount."

He said the smaller schools could get less than P100,000 while the bigger schools could be given as much as P1 million to "balance the help the DECS would extend to the private schools."

Roco also asked the parents whose children are studying in private schools to continue supporting private school education, which his predecessor, Bro. Andrew Gonzalez, had predicted would die off in the next few years because of the economic crisis and their unaffordability.

The new DECS chief earlier threatened to file estafa charges against owners of illegal schools, which number around 1,000 nationwide. The department is organizing a task force to identify and close down unregistered private schools.

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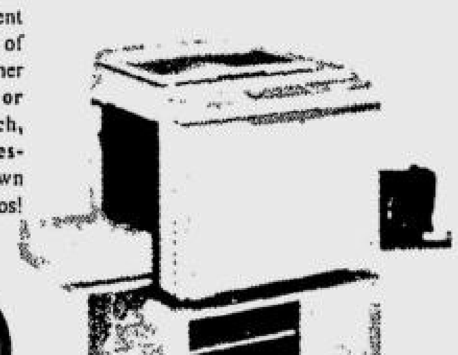

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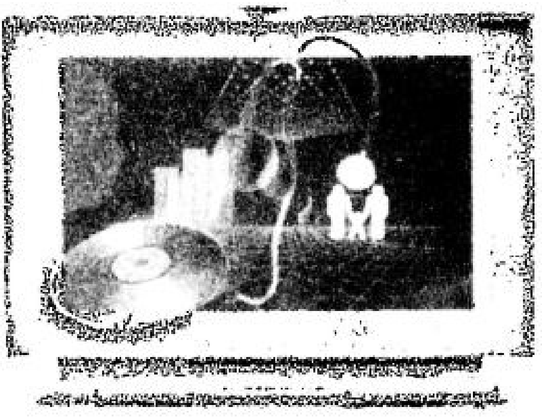

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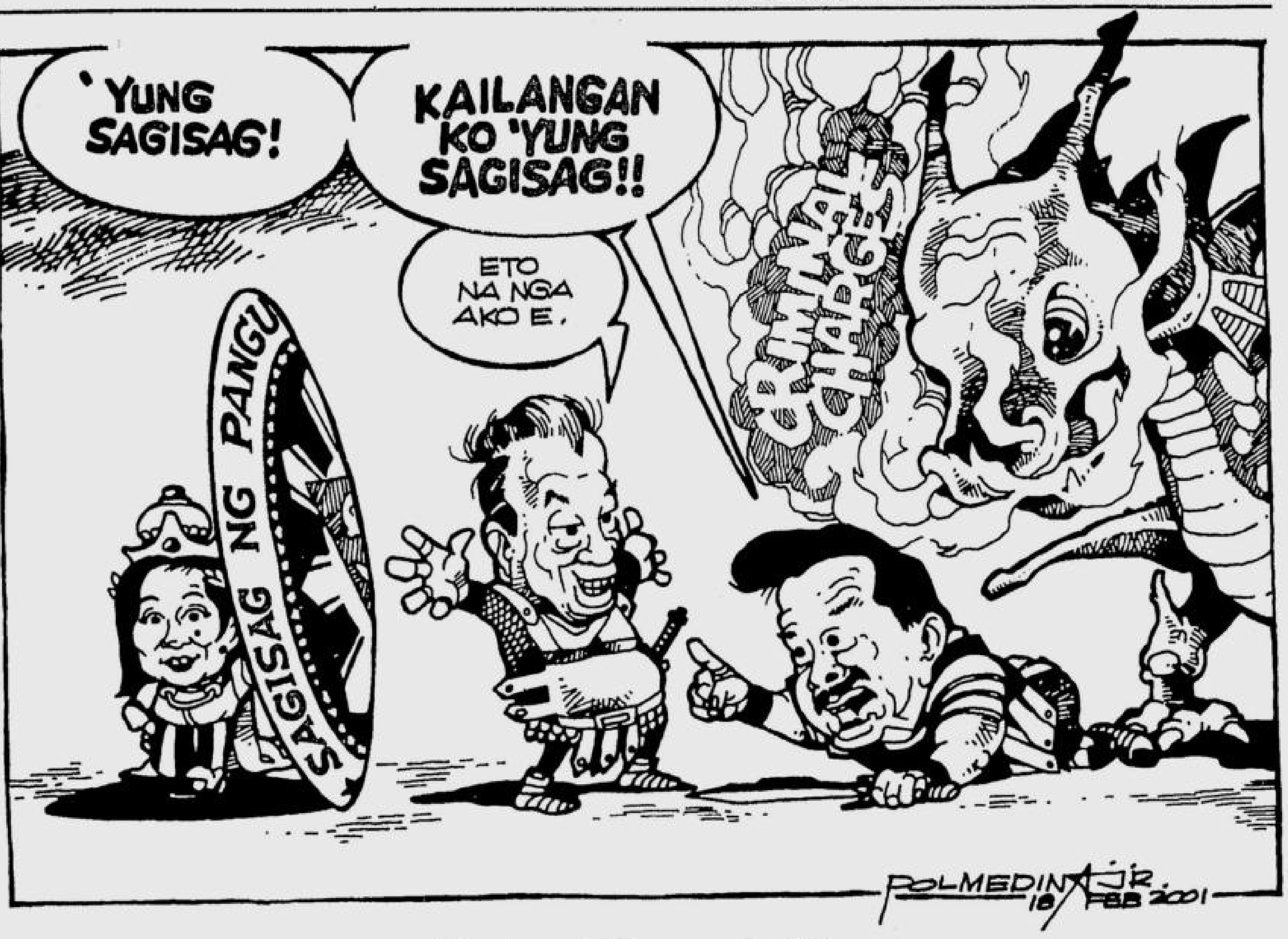
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# Gambler's tale

EDITORIALS

IT is understandable that many have taken the government's vow to crack down on illegal gambling with more than the usual dose of skepticism and even with incredulity. After all, the new government was installed amid a flurry of events that was unleashed when Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis Singson revealed that he had been collecting *jueteng* payoffs for former President Joseph Estrada.

Singson made his astounding disclosures both in various public forums and in an impeachment court that tried Estrada. Feeling he had been double-crossed by Estrada, Singson hit back. He rose to the occasion and delivered. His gamble paid off.

Now, Singson is receiving encomiums from a grateful people. He is likewise receiving more than his share of publicity for being named consultant to the government's anti-illegal gambling campaign. To be sure, the publicity comes with acerbity and a little doubt. After all, Singson's hands are soiled and sullied by *jueteng*. He is not exactly an uninterested player.

The government, too, is not immune from suspicion by a public wary of wild rhetorical flights from officialdom. Moreover, the new government itself is suspect. Although she has explained persuasively her alleged links with a known gambling lord in Central Luzon, President Macapagal will always be under a cloud of doubt. It cannot be otherwise considering the cynicism of the times.

Perhaps now is as good a time as any to launch a campaign against illegal gambling—and to make it work. The logic of history supports that inevitability. A moral majority scandalized by his ties with illegal gambling toppled Estrada from the presidency. That majority will be the same critical mass that can rally behind the drive against *jueteng* and other forms of illegal gambling.

Due to nagging public suspicion, the President is under pressure to clear herself more forcefully regarding her alleged ties with her townmate Rodolfo "Bong" Pineda, whose name has become synonymous with *jueteng*. What more forceful way to show her innocence than by jailing him and other well known gambling bosses and stopping their merry and lucrative operations?

In cracking down on illegal gambling, the President also buttresses her much-touted program of people empowerment. For what better way is there to empower the people than by cutting the tentacles of illegal gambling which fosters corruption and holds the people in the thrall of gambling honchos and petty potentates?

# Gambler's take

BUT the government cannot make its campaign stick if it continues to mobilize resources through its own gambling operations. State sponsorship may legitimize and prettify gambling, but it does not erase the fact that gambling is corrupting and ultimately counterproductive. At the very least, it exposes the state's inability to collect taxes and raise funds for its operations. In regulating gambling, the state condones the vice.

Thus a downscaling of the state's gambling operations should be in the works. The previous administration tried this—even offering to close down the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp.—in a bid to appease its critics and stave off the inevitable. It failed. Because of its sins of commission and omission, it had identified itself too closely with big gambling interests.

The new administration cannot repeat the mistakes of the past. It is time for it to break the state's extreme reliance on gaming and gambling to mobilize resources by making tax collection more efficient. If not, then the administration will be forced to do what its predecessors did: shoring up its resources more and more with gamblers' wagers. You can bet on that.

# Powell's tough task

FOREIGN COMMENT

IT'S becoming more and more evident that the unity around the UN sanctions imposed on Iraq is cracking. Lots of fresh ideas are needed to make sure that Saddam Hussein is disarmed. A great part of the responsibility must be put on US Secretary of State Colin Powell.

At the end of this month, talks will be held between the UN and Iraq about how the deadlock can be broken. The role of the world organization is central—it is there the conclusive decisions will be made—but the question is if the real challenge does not lie in the hands of the new US secretary of state.

It is he who will scrape together the remains of the coalition that once freed Kuwait, it is he who will try to recreate the unity and the concord. This is no easy task, and everyone, excluding those who have let Baghdad win the propaganda war, realizes the value of him succeeding."

***Dagens Nyheter (Stockholm, Sweden)***

# Reject the misfits

SEPARATE OPINION

*Isagani A. Cruz*

I HAD hoped that Joseph Estrada's downfall would drag down with him all the tinsel idols who had been elected with him without the least bit of eligibility for public office. I find that I was sadly mistaken: These vulgar entertainers are still alive and kicking. In fact, they are even spreading like the proverbial wild grass that is impossible to kill.

One of the worst consequences of the ascension of Joseph Estrada before he was exposed as the monumental fraud that he is was the encouragement he gave other presumptuous show-biz people to emulate him. They too exploited their box-office popularity as a ticket to elective office. The misguided assistance of their drooling fans blindly gratified the absurd ambitions of these pretenders, whose incredible ineptness was exposed soon enough.

We don't have to stop with Joseph Estrada. We can go down the line to find how the electorate has been deceived by the glittering image of the other clumsy entertainers who should have stayed in the footlights. They were wearing not expensive diamonds, as their wide-eyed admirers should have known, but only gaudy rhinestones.

The Senate itself has been cheapened by the likes of Vicente Sotto III, the former TV buffoon, Ramon Revilla as the *agimat* action hero, and Robert Jaworski, who dribbled himself into the legislature as if it were a basketball court. They were among the Craven Eleven who triggered Edsa II with their less than principled refusal to open the second envelope.

Other entertainers elsewhere in the government have also proved disappointing if not disgusting. It is now clear that they have infiltrated the public service only on the strength of their histrionic talents, such as they were, and not because of solid and relevant credentials for public office. Few had substantial recommendations like academic achievements, acknowledged wisdom and perceptiveness, or at least plain common sense.

Many of them were catapulted to elective office precisely for their reputation, or notoriety, as oddball characters or spinners of the toilet humor so titillating to the *bakya* crowd. Such qualifications, naturally enough, did not inspire respect from the serious electorate they have sworn to serve. These so-called public servants have soiled their positions, and their own craft as well, with their tastelessness and shallowness.

I admire the good sense of the well-liked comedian Dolphy who, when it was suggested that he run for elective office, reportedly asked, "What if I win?" There's not much doubt he would be a shoo-in, but he was wise enough to recognize his limitations as a potential public official. In his own turf, he is superb and matchless. But he knows he cannot exhibit similar expertise, or even only competence, in the unfamiliar field of government service.

Eddie Garcia, the character actor, has a similar humility. Eschewing the lure of politics, he prefers to remain in the field of entertainment, where he has received fitting recognition and honor like Dolphy. Rosa Rosal, who was a popular actress during her time and could teach the current starlets a thing or two about sex appeal, expressed a similar disinclination for elective public office. She prefers to do civic work, especially for the Red Cross, where she has been serving faithfully for decades.

By contrast, we have the likes of Rudy Fernandez and Philip Salvador who think they can be good city mayors because of their make-believe ability to shoot down the bad guys. It is a sign of their political immaturity that they believe fairy tales can come true and the frog can become a prince.

Happily, there are exceptions to the swarm of entertainers seeking elective positions with the support of their none-too-discerning fans. Vilma Santos seems to be doing well as mayor of Lipa City. Loren Legarda may have relied mainly on her following as a television newscaster, but she had adequate academic credentials to begin with. She proved she was a cut above her fellow television icons with her excellent conduct as senator-judge during the impeachment trial.

Noli de Castro is running for senator this year, but I don't know if he has similar endowments as Senator Legarda. For one thing, he is not as beautiful. He does carry his clothes well, but that would simply put him in the same class as Senator Sotto or Senator Jaworski, which is not saying much. It's gratifying that the administration ticket does not include this supposedly "winnable" candidate who has the annoying habit of saying "*tatlong kalalakihan*" when the correct form is "*tatlong lalaki.*" "Three manhood" is silly. His affectations are like the "Shoopreme Court" of yet another pet peeve who will also not get my vote.

Like my friend Conrado de Quiros, I am not impressed by the belated personal appearance of the many entertainers at Edsa who saw where the tide was turning and jumped in. They had earlier given Erap their all-out support, but now it was *balimbing* time. In fairness, though, there were their more upright colleagues who, from Day One, had readily joined in the cry for Estrada's resignation. They did not merely sing or dance or shed crocodile tears but really *belonged* to Edsa.

And as long as I'm thrashing the Hypocritical People, let me also express my disdain for some of the current reelectionists who have done practically nothing to deserve another mandate. One of them is Sen. Gregorio Honasan, who was virtually invisible during the past five years but has suddenly resurrected to beg for another term.

When I criticized him once for his silence in the Senate floor debates, his staff was quick to claim he was busy with committee work. Big deal. His colleagues are also busy in the committees, but they still manage—are not afraid—to exchange ideas with each other on vital public issues in the full view of the gallery. Honasan has generally been speechless although he did rise once in a while during the impeachment trial to defend Estrada.

I hope that the electorate will have more sense next May and boot out all the useless and bumbling public officials who have enfeebled and cheapened elective office. Let's start from the Senate, which has especially been swamped with incompetence, and elevate to it intelligent and patriotic leaders who can redeem its once-respected name as the truly Upper House of Congress.

# Counterflow and overflow

MOMENTS

*Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD*

ONE morning I received this text message that really made me laugh: "Of all my friends, you are really different and one of a kind, really unique and a class by yourself, *kasi* all my friends…are normal"!

If we follow the Gospel message of today (Lk. 6, 27-38), we will not be "normal." In fact, we will be "*lugi.*" More bluntly, we will be called "*tanga*" and stupid fools by the world. The Gospel message, if followed to the letter is a sure formula for disaster in the eyes of the world. No wonder very few really follow it to the letter. No wonder Jesus really has very few friends.

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**"Counterflow allowed." You may have seen this traffic sign while driving in Metro Manila, and like me, you may have welcomed it, but with some hesitance, because there may be a hitch somewhere. The fact is that it is not easy to go against the flow of this world. How far easier it is to go and ride with the flow! Yes, it is not easy to stand up for Christ. But the challenge remains: You are the "light of world," the "salt of the earth," you and I are leaven, you and I are to make a difference in the world.**

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Jesus tells us not only to counterflow but to overflow as well! We are to go beyond the measures and standards of this world. We are to love our enemies, give to everyone who asks, expect no repayment, forgive and be merciful. Wow! Tall order.

Mission impossible? Mission doable if (a big if) we rely not on our own strength and power. Only if we are humble and obedient to God can we really make a difference. Otherwise, we will be just one of the many who follow the road of compromise.

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**While the road that Jesus points out does not lead to success according to world standard, it leads to life and peace. And joy—untold joy which the world cannot give or take away. It's the "road less traveled," rough, long, winding and narrow, unlike the other road which is smooth, well paved, wide and straight—straight to hell. So, which road would you rather tread? It's your choice. It's your move. It's your call.**

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I've had the privilege to walk with unsung and hidden heroes on the road that is filled with peace and life. It is so edifying to encounter people who have values and who have commitment. There's something different about them. It is hard to describe, but surely they have substance, they have a glow, they have something or someone greater than themselves.

On the other hand, I have also encountered people who are all form but no substance. They also have something in them. They have money and power, but they have no glow. Oh, they have something else: air. Just air.

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**Many times, I've been called to the bedside of the sick and the dying. One can almost sense the kind of life a person lived by the way he faces death. Some face death with so much fear, bitterness and regret. These are the people who traveled life's road on highways. There are those who face death with faith, equanimity and peace. These are the people who traveled life's road on the Gospel by-ways.**

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For people out there who are workaholics and have the tendency to deify work, listen to this text message: there are 5 balls we juggle in life—family, friends, health, work and spiritual life. Among them, only work is made of rubber. The rest are made of glass. Don't drop any of them…yes there are more things in life than work. You are your person, not your title or function. How did somebody put it? In the end, we will regret that we did not spend more time with family, friends and oneself…but we will not regret that we did not spend more time at work or in the office. Make sure that you have time or make time for "finer things" in life. What will if profit you if you have money, power and position if you lose your family, your friends, your health and your God?

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**We have problems. We have failures and disappointments, but we must not forget to smile because "A smile is the best lighting system of the face, the best cooling system of the head and the best heating system of the heart." O, smile *naman diyan*!**

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It is election time again. Will the Gospel values ever find a place in the way we conduct politics? Will able and good people who have no money or political patronage ever have a chance to be elected or appointed to public office? We need a few good men and women who will really make a difference in our land. Let us pray and work for good leaders. Let us bat for leaders who stand for the Gospel values and who work for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

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***A moment with the Lord:***

***Lord, as I tread the difficult road of "counterflow" and "overflow," assure me of your constant presence and your promise of peace and joy in this life and in the life to come. Amen.***

# Was it a coup?

COMMENTARY

*Scott Thompson*

NO one would argue that the role of the Armed Forces in the great events of Jan. 19-20 was irrelevant. But does that make the transfer of effective power from Joseph Estrada to Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo a coup d'état? The answer is negative, for a number of reasons.

A classic coup d'état goes something like this: In the middle of the night, rebellious troops seize the airport, the principal radio stations and then storm the Government House. They seal the borders and put down all resistance. That was what happened in Ghana, in February 1966; I was there.

But even that wasn't enough. At 6 a.m., Colonel Kotoka, who organized the coup, broadcast the fateful words: "The myth of Kwame Nkrumah is broken forever." His saying it, admittedly against the backdrop of gunfire, made it so. It took another six hours of fighting against the presidential guards loyal to the ideologue dictator, who happened to be in Beijing at the time, to seal his fate.

In the classic case, like Ghana's, but equally so in many others in Africa, Latin America and sometimes in Asia, the military does the hard work: it takes all the risk, it grasps the psychological component and then it keeps the power it has seized, for short or long periods—most successfully when it is short. The phrase itself should be taken literally, a "hit against the state"—the state, in all its symbolic and physical essence.

True, no cabal can reign without some popular support. In the Ghanaian case, the whole population poured out into the streets cheering on the army—once the military tide had turned. Anyone so cheering the day before would have been quickly hustled into Ussher Fort and placed under preventive detention as a risk to national security.

The point about people power is that the masses do the hard work and they delegate the power to a civilian representative. The military isn't irrelevant; how could it ever be? The military is present regardless at all times. It's not a potted plant, to use a famous American retort. Indeed, I recall my sometime supervisor, Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger, showing me an order he put through the whole Pentagon system: no one could communicate with the White House, during the Watergate crisis, without alerting him. In other words, to prevent a coup d'état. In America. Luckily the issue never obtained. The question of salience is, rather, did the actions of the military turn events and then having done so, did the armed forces keep the booty—the presidency, the ministries, the seized property? Not in Manila, where the crowds preceded any military action.

In 1986 the putative chief of staff and the defense secretary came out against the Filipino dictator, after a vast crowd of determined citizens had gathered. Fidel Ramos and Juan Ponce Enrile gave the crowd momentum, and perhaps security; they were enormously brave. But would anyone deny that it was Jaime Cardinal Sin (decisively answering the old question, "How many divisions does the pope have?") who effectively pulled the plug on the conjugal dictatorship, if anyone did? Nor did the Ramboys, Ramos and Enrile subsequently make it a coup: they didn't bestow supreme power on themselves, and they facilitated the establishment of a legitimate civilian power.

In 2001, matters were not quite so desperate as in 1986. But the budget deficit now revealed shows how much worse it was than realized; the bills of profligacy and corruption were coming due. And now that the buffoon is out of the palace, doesn't he look ridiculous? Fools always do, once the power puffing them up is withdrawn. Note the modestly comparable heat Bill Clinton is taking for his last-minute greed, carrying off hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of gifts that were made to the nation, which was nothing new. What is new is that no longer was there a crowd of job-seekers and other panderers to cover up his and his wife's cupidity.

What happened in Manila was more a deliverance than I think is realized: in the weeks this student happened to be in Manila, immediately prior to the great events last month, I for one became convinced of the immediate danger of another scenario brought forth from 1986—but on the other side of the equation. It looked as if (I am not speaking hypothetically) Estrada was planning, once "acquitted" by the Senate, to use a modified 1972 martial law to "reestablish governmental authority," locking up the usual suspects, once the Manila crowds had made "order" impossible. Estrada had the perfect self-fulfilling prophecy.

It seemed like a race against time: Could people power work fast enough to demonstrate that Estrada couldn't govern, before he could use the international shadow of the American inaugural celebrations, to proclaim martial law? Luckily, while crowds gathered, much happened behind the scenes, which will rightly be the subject of investigation for historians tomorrow. The danger was a coup d'état, surely not by the masses, and least of all by the duly elected constitutional successor, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, but in effect by Estrada. That the Armed Forces came along and declared its support for her was useful, supportive and in the grand tradition of *sama-sama*. That the Supreme Court duly declared her succession valid was also relevant. Everybody did his and her rightful thing. But troops didn't move, planes didn't strike, ABC wasn't overwhelmed—and Gen. Angelo Reyes didn't proclaim himself president. The surging crowds, having faith in their country's decency, did the hard work.

There may be a new Filipino corollary under international law, to the shift of legitimacy, when a discredited ruler can't command it. But there wasn't a coup d'état in Manila.

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# Instant rehabilitation

AT LARGE

*Rina Jimenez-David*

IMELDA Marcos is the guest of honor at the opening of the Marikina Shoe Museum where her hundreds of shoes, the titillating centerpiece of the remnants of the Marcos lifestyle left behind in Malacañang, are the main attraction.

Loi Estrada, the serially betrayed and publicly shamed former first lady, is drafted for this year's Senate race. Senate President Nene Pimentel extols "Doktora Loi" for her virtue and good works, but most everyone knows she is running as a proxy for her husband.

That no one, not even Imelda perhaps, saw the irony in her presence at the Shoe Museum opening is an indication of just how thorough has been the rehabilitation of the Marcoses and the erosion of public memory. Doesn't anyone remember anymore the time when Imelda's shoe collection was not a joke but a reminder of the profligate lifestyle of the dictator and his wife? How could it be that the shoes are now no longer scandalous artifacts but mere samples of the craftsmanship of shoemaking?

"Doktora Loi's" Senate run, on the other hand, is but the start of Erap's revisionism. Even with charges of plunder still hanging with the Ombudsman, a great effort is on to rewrite recent history. "Erap's" self-defense in no less than the pages of Time (Paul Bograd is still earning his keep!) is the first salvo. Loi's campaign for a sympathy vote is the next step. What's next, trot out the ailing Doña Mary?

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**I WON'T be surprised if 10 years from now, Erap will cut the ribbon at the opening of a new casino, a winery or Laarni's newest mall, and it will be covered like any other social event. At the moment he is a virtual recluse, save for the odd TV interview, but give him time and he will soon be mingling among us, unrepentant, unpunished and still good for a few sound bites, his celebrity preceding him.**

**Public rehabilitation comes too easy in this country. Just as quickly as our tempers flare up and we are able to text our anger to each other and mass in front of the Edsa Shrine, we are forgiving and embracing those on the "other" side even before the trash is completely swept up.**

**Recently, a letter from actor Richard Gomez circulated through e-mail groups in which Gomez chided a fellow entertainer for allegedly calling for a boycott of products that Gomez has endorsed. How could a brother in the profession be so vindictive, "Goma" wanted to know, when all he did was to take one side of an "issue." "All I did was to make a choice," Gomez claims in his letter, like choosing Marlboro over Champion, Coke over Pepsi. "Can't we respect each other's choices?" the actor asked.**

**Well, skooooz me. When after Juentengate and the impeachment hearings, it became crystal clear that from the first minute after he took office Erap was systematically plundering the treasury and taking kickbacks and bribes, remaining by Erap's side was a "choice" of evil over good, wrong over right.**

**A boycott of one's endorsed products is a petty penalty compared to the judgment rendered on one's soul.**

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THE SAME argument was advanced by the members of the Erap Cabinet, all of whom, save for Mar Roxas, chose to stay and bolster the legitimacy of the Estrada presidency until it became clear that the tide of history and the people's will had turned.

After Mar resigned, the collapsing stock market suddenly revived, along with a tumbling peso, in anticipation of a mass exodus of Cabinet members. But when the Cabinet hung tough, vowing after meeting with Erap that none of them were leaving, the economic indices swooned again. It was hoped that if his secretaries abandoned him one by one, Erap would give in and resign. Then the military need not have dipped a foot in politics once again, and President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo would not have to be constantly appeasing the generals today.

To ask that we now forget their shared guilt and culpability in the two-year pillage that was the Erap administration is stretching human gullibility.

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**ANOTHER letter circulating on e-mail circuits is from Korina Sanchez, the radio-TV personality who just can't let a day go by without lashing out at this paper.**

**Replying to some critical messages about her performance at the height of the anti-Erap protests, Sanchez argues that she was merely being "objective," that for every interview she made with the ousted President or his apologists, she would take a call from the opposition. What she neglects to mention, though, is how she handled the callers. While she "hmmed" and "ahhed" and even embellished on the lines fed her by Erap and his sympathizers, she would often react critically to anti-Erap sources.**

**One show I remember quite clearly is that one on the day after Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago had three spectators led out like criminals from the gallery. Korina laughed and trilled as Miriam described the two women as "those women from Forbes who wear too much makeup," and even fed the fire by questioning why it seemed only "folks from Forbes" are allowed to watch the proceedings. To his credit, Korina's co-anchor Ted Failon pointed out that even ordinary people could get tickets to the gallery by writing the Senate secretary. But Korina, ever the know-it-all insisted the gallery was dominated by the elite.**

**Was it just enterprise that enabled Korina Sanchez to land the first exclusive interview with President Macapagal after Edsa? She now claims she was "helping" the Macapagal camp with its media campaign all along. Tell that to the Erap *abandonados*. But that she landed the scoop at all just proves what I've been saying in this piece all along.**

# The issue is corruption

PUBLIC LIVES

*Randy David*

THE POLITICAL allies of deposed President Joseph Ejercito Estrada have banded together to form what they call the "Puwersa ng Masa" (Force of the Masses). In an obvious bid to tap into what remains of the mass base of the former movie idol who became president, they are running on the issue of loyalty to a fallen friend: "*Walang iwanan. Ipaglaban ang kaibigan!*"

They want Erap restored to Malacañang, and with him, the whole web of corruption that ignited the explosion of People Power II.

They could not have chosen a more fitting message to communicate everything that is wrong about our national life. Loyalty and friendship are values that are especially cherished in cultures like ours, where a person's wellbeing is secured less by law than by a system of personal obligations. We elect public officials because we owe them a debt of gratitude or because we think of them as patrons or sponsors we can approach in the future. That is why we value personal "approachability" more than competence or integrity.

These "*barkada*" values may be suitable for gangs and preliterate societies. But they no longer have any place in the public life of large and complex societies like ours. Joseph Estrada got into trouble because he was operating by the expectations of an obsolete culture that clashed with the aspirations of modern nationhood. Today he continues to be perplexed by the magnitude of the public reaction to his misdeeds. As he sees it, he had done nothing wrong that previous presidents of the country could not be accused of doing. Other presidents had their own political patrons and cronies. They kept lovers; they accepted "gifts" from grateful recipients of presidential favor. They also "saved" for their retirement. So why is poor Mr. Estrada being singled out?

In a recent interview, he shares his amazing worldview. He says he is the victim of a "conspiracy" by the rich and the Church, and of the "intellectual snobbery" of the educated few. Once again we hear echoes of the same tired lines that he spoke in the melodramatic movie roles for which he is remembered. That the rich would not suffer seeing someone from the *masa* become president of the country. That the hypocritical church of the rich will always view the loose morals of the poor with contempt. That the educated pompous elite from the exclusive schools, like those who gathered at Edsa, will always put down an honest son of the poor who could not finish school because of poverty. From the moment he became a politician until now, Estrada has not stopped mouthing these scripted lines to project a total identification with the poor.

What makes this identification so galling is that it is totally false. Joseph Ejercito Estrada was not born poor. He came from an upper middle-class urban family. His parents gave him the best education that money could buy. He dropped out of school not because of poverty but because of delinquency. The educated scoff at him not because of his incomplete education but because of his incompetence and unfitness for public office. The Church frowns on his morals not so much because of the multiple extra-marital relationships he flaunts but because of the wanton corruption he brought to the highest office of the land.

In general, the poor don't think very highly of politicians; their experience tells them to take their money and to continue distrusting them. But once in a lifetime, from the horizon of their fantasies, they glimpse the figure of a champion who would liberate them from their misery. This is what Erap meant to them. They voted for a fantasy created by movie scripts. But contrary to their expectations, this hope of the masses proved to be more rapacious than any of the country's past presidents.

Decent members of his Cabinet expressed dismay but looked the other way when Erap showed an early impatience for policy questions, and a lack of appreciation for long-term goals. They excused his unstable work habits as the unfortunate product of his movie past. But they started to worry when he habitually surrounded himself with shady characters and powerbrokers who were constantly whispering deals and following up papers. They warned him about the negative public perception this would create, but they did not have the nerve to tell him about the vicious circle of corruption that had already engulfed the presidency.

The office of the president in our country is so powerful that anyone who occupies it acquires an aura of moral infallibility. Everyone in his official family knew what was happening, but only a few could tell Erap what was wrong, and they eventually quit. The rest remained because the President had been a loyal friend to them. They forgot they were accountable to a nation.

Today, some of Erap's steadfast friends are running for public office. They want to be seen as good people who would not abandon a friend. But to them, we say: assume responsibility for the crimes of your fallen friend. You cannot tell us that you did not know or did not see or did not participate in actual corruption. Nor can you say you were not direct beneficiaries. The whole nation rose in revulsion, but you said nothing and did nothing. In fact, most of you went on defending the actions of a president who had disgraced our people. That makes you partners in plunder.

The issue is corruption. Corruption aggravates poverty and keeps our country in a state of stagnation. The goal of People Power II will remain unachieved until we are able to stamp out this scourge in our national life. The first move should be to ensure the conviction of Estrada, and the defeat of all his candidates.

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# The new Philippine presidency and the NGO connection

COMMENTARY

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THE FILIPINO people's moral and ethical indignation which led to the removal of President Joseph Ejercito Estrada from office stemmed from beliefs espoused by non-government organizations (NGOs), civil society groups, people's organizations, religious fraternities, private foundations and other non-profit organizations.

In her inaugural speech, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo used phrases such as "philosophy of transparency," and "good governance," as her new administration's core beliefs. These phrases are rooted in a long standing non-profit credo that "transparency" promotes clarity and community involvement and, in turn, makes "good governance" possible.

Ms Macapagal's quick decision to appoint Dinky Soliman, a well-known NGO activist, and Vicky Garchitorena, a director of a leading private foundation, to her Cabinet reveals her bias for and ease with the non-profit sector. Soliman heads the Department of Social Welfare and Development, undoubtedly a perfect fit for her background and capability. Garchitorena, as chief of the Presidential Management Staff, will be regarded as the President's conscience and road block against political and other assorted sleazeballs trying to weasel into Malacañang Palace.

An eight-point pledge, prepared by the non-profit sector and approved by President Macapagal, was signed by every new Cabinet membe well as senior officials in the executive department. Included in t document were pledges to be trustworthy, to focus on poverty alle tion, to empower citizens, promote participation and foster a sim lifestyle. These pledges come straight from an NGO handbook with "simple lifestyle" as a given, considering the meager pay and resources in the non-profit realm.

The ascendancy of the non-profit sector, with its ethics and guiding principles, and with the new presidency in tow, presents an opportunity for the same sector to review its past performance, its adherence to the values it propagates, and to impose even stricter norms and benchmarks for improvement in the years ahead.

The Estrada administration and his immediate family revealed their cynical and even criminal use of non-profit organizations to enrich themselves and made a mockery of the inherent philanthropic values that these groups adhere to. The Erap Muslim Youth Foundation, founded by the former president in February 2000, ostensibly to provide student scholarships, turned out to be a dummy corporation with no office, no mission statement, no board meetings and no scholarships. Instead it laundered hundreds of millions of pesos in illegal gambling money.

The previous administration's education secretary is awaiting the judgment of the ombudsman for having purchased luxury cars for himself and his undersecretaries. A P24-million restricted bank donation intended for office equipment was waylaid by the education secretary to purchase top of the line Ford Expedition, Nissan Cefiros and Mitsubishi Pajeros.

The Partnership for the Poor Foundation, founded by former First Lady Dr. Loi Ejercito, had a business address which turned out to be the former president's own address, a conflict-of-interest violation under the Philippine Constitution. Dr. Ejercito had little need to raise funds for her foundation since Estrada redirected government sweepstakes funds, already designated for charity, to her foundation.

One of the former first lady's charitable projects included the purchase of 100 ambulances to be distributed to various municipalities and towns. A painted sign on the ambulances' side said the vehicle was a donation from her son Jinggoy Estrada, who was then planning to run for a seat in the Senate.

A check made out to cash for P8 million was given to the former first lady by Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson, the self-confessed bagman for Estrada who collected money from gambling lords. Both the governor and a presidential spokesperson said the donation was intended for charity. The check though was deposited not into the former first lady's foundation but instead in her own personal checking account.

The national call for Estrada's resignation, the impeachment proceedings that followed, and later, the overthrow of the Estrada administration reflected a deep-seated revulsion to the discovery that the former President, his immediate family and his mistresses had enriched themselves at the country's expense to the tune of P30 billion. One method employed to amass such a huge amount was to use the non-profit sector as a cover to steal, accept bribes and seemingly justify the plunder. Following Estrada's lead, other officials of his administration transgressed basic rules on the use of public donations as in the case of the purchase of luxury cars by the education department.

Stealing and using fake non-profit foundations are not a new practice. Former President Marcos was accused of siphoning billions of dollars through fake foundations. Many congressmen have used bogus foundations, named after their parents, mistresses or favorite biblical passages, to channel pork barrel funds into their own pockets.

In this new era, President Macapagal has employed the non-profit, civil-society language to add a veneer of legitimacy and worthiness to her administration in marked contrast to the venality of the past administration. In so doing, the non-profit sector is now under a microscope and all who profess and work under its wings are under close scrutiny. The facility and cynicism by which the non-profit sector was used in the past simply cannot be repeated.

"Transparency," "accountability," "legitimacy," "good governance" are the oft-repeated, practically copyrighted, mantras of the more than 60,000 non-profit organizations operating in the Philippines. The challenge for them and the new administration is to ensure that such pledges do not ring hollow. Instead, these mantras must be recited daily, and in earnest, to finally put a battered, plundered country on the mend and on a development track once again.

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## THEY SAID

### Barrier to justice

"(Ombudsman Aniano) Desierto is one big obstruction to justice. He has failed to uphold the cause of justice on several fronts—human rights, behest and fraudulent loans, corruption cases, etc."

***—Fr. Reu Galoy on the ombudsman***

### Principles to live by

"If you're merciful, you can be brave; if you're moderate, you can be generous; and if you don't pressure to lead, you can lead the high and mighty."

***—Lucio Tan on the three teachings of Lao Tzu that kept him going through the years***

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# IN DEPTH

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## THE LEGALITY OF ESTRADA'S REMOVAL

# The Condorcet Jury perspective

BY RAUL V. FABELLA

**THIS essay starts from the classic legal principle: *Salus populi, suprema lex* (The welfare of the people is the supreme law). The problem with this dictum is also classic: "What is the welfare of the people?"**

Over the centuries, the question has taken the more tractable and process-centered form of "Who determines the welfare of the people?"

In the golden age of sovereigns, the supreme law was lodged in one person, the monarch, who, helped along by a claimed affinity with or privileged access to Providence, determined the welfare of the people. Along the way, there was a sprinkling of limited republican or representative democracy (as in the Rome of Cicero and Catilina) but they were more ephemeral curiosities than powerful challenges to kings and emperors.

Since the 18th century, the tide has gradually turned. The democratic ideal became variously summarized as "*Vox populi, vox Dei*" (the voice of the people is the voice of God), "All men are created equal," or "One man, one vote." The welfare of the people was now to be determined by some form of decision process which considers the preferences of citizens as the basic input.

We still do not know what the welfare of the people is, but we have agreed to identify it with the winner of this process. Suppose society, faced with a choice between a bridge and a public market, takes a vote, with the winner being chosen. The winner, say, the bridge, is then presumed to better serve people's welfare, which itself is left undefined. Procedure has replaced essence.

Since process is all-important, the decision process must maximize the likelihood that the "correct" option wins, that is, the option that best serves people's welfare.

### Judgmental competence

The Marquis de Condorcet, the French philosopher of the Enlightenment and advocate of educational reform, embarked on a program to put democracy's favorite voting mechanism, majority rule, on a solid mathematical footing.

He postulated rather innocuously in his mathematical work at the French Academy of Sciences, "Essay on the Application of Analysis to the Probability of Majority Decisions" (1783), that every citizen possesses a judgmental competence p over a binary-choice problem (A, B). A could be "Remove Erap" and B, "Do Not Remove Erap." Only one is correct and we do not know which.

Competence p is the likelihood that a citizen will pick the "right" option, so $(1-p)$ is the likelihood that he/she will choose wrong. "Right" here means serving better the welfare of the people, which we took at the outset as the supreme law.

If the citizenry uses majority rule voting, with one-man-one-vote, to decide on (A, B), the likelihood M that the winner of the vote is right can be deduced from p and $(1-p)$ using Bernoulli's binomial theorem.

Let there be N citizens voting independently and only on the merits of (A, B). The Condorcet Jury Theorems say that: "If $p > 0.5$, (i) $M \rightarrow 1$ as N becomes large and (ii) $M > p$. If $p < 0.5$, (iii) $M \rightarrow 0$ as N becomes large and (iv) $p > M$."

For purposes of reference, we will call them CJT (i), CJT (ii), CJT (iii) and CJT (iv), respectively.

If $p > 0.5$, that is, the likelihood that a citizen chooses "right" is better than even, then the likelihood that majority voting will choose the right option as N becomes very large is a certainty, that is, majority rule is infallible. Thus, "*Vox Populi, Vox Dei.*"

CJT(i) is known as the asymptotic Condorcet Jury Theorem. This is viewed by many as the positive foundation of democracy. Furthermore, majority rule will beat every single member in the likelihood of a correct choice. CJT (ii) is known as the nonasymptotic Condorcet Jury Theorem. Stated otherwise, it goes: "Democracy beats dictatorship."

But the converse results are no less remarkable. If citizen competence falls below 0.5, the majority rule winner will be "wrong" in all certainty as N becomes large [CJT (iii)]. Moreover, a dictator from the ranks will beat democracy [CJT (iv)]. Democracy and incompetence make a poisonous brew.

These are no doubt remarkable results but how do they shed light on the legality of the removal of Estrada from office? The key is to view the citizenry as constituting a jury or as a set of juries.

### The subplots

Joseph Estrada won the presidency with the highest majority ever. That he had a mandate when he started was not in doubt. So did Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. The accumulation of scandals brought to a head by the jueteng pay-offs revelations confronted the citizenry with a dichotomous choice problem: (A) "Remove Erap" or (B) "Do not Remove Erap."

Survey results showed B to lead A in the general population with the following substory: B won among "cde" voters but A won among "ab" voters. The latest surveys showed that in critical Metro Manila, A won among "ab" by 75 percent against 6 percent for B. A won among "ab" by a larger margin than B won in "cde."

The fact that "cde" voters are by far more numerous than "ab" was a decisive factor for some commentators. Erap's removal contravenes "*vox populi vox dei.*" This is correct only if voter competence, or at least its average, is better than even. If less than even, the proposition is false, according to CJT (iii): A would serve *salus populi* and not B.

Other commentators foisted the "quality versus quantity" of voters argument, that is, that "ab" voters constitute the educated and the informed, and, thus, the more competent judges in this affair. The pro-Estrada camp and many well-meaning observers have branded this position as elitist. While it may indeed be elitist, it is neither irrelevant nor outright wrong. The argument could be couched in the Condorcetian categories.

### Fair-coin-toss voters

Let us view "ab" and "cde" voters as separate juries.

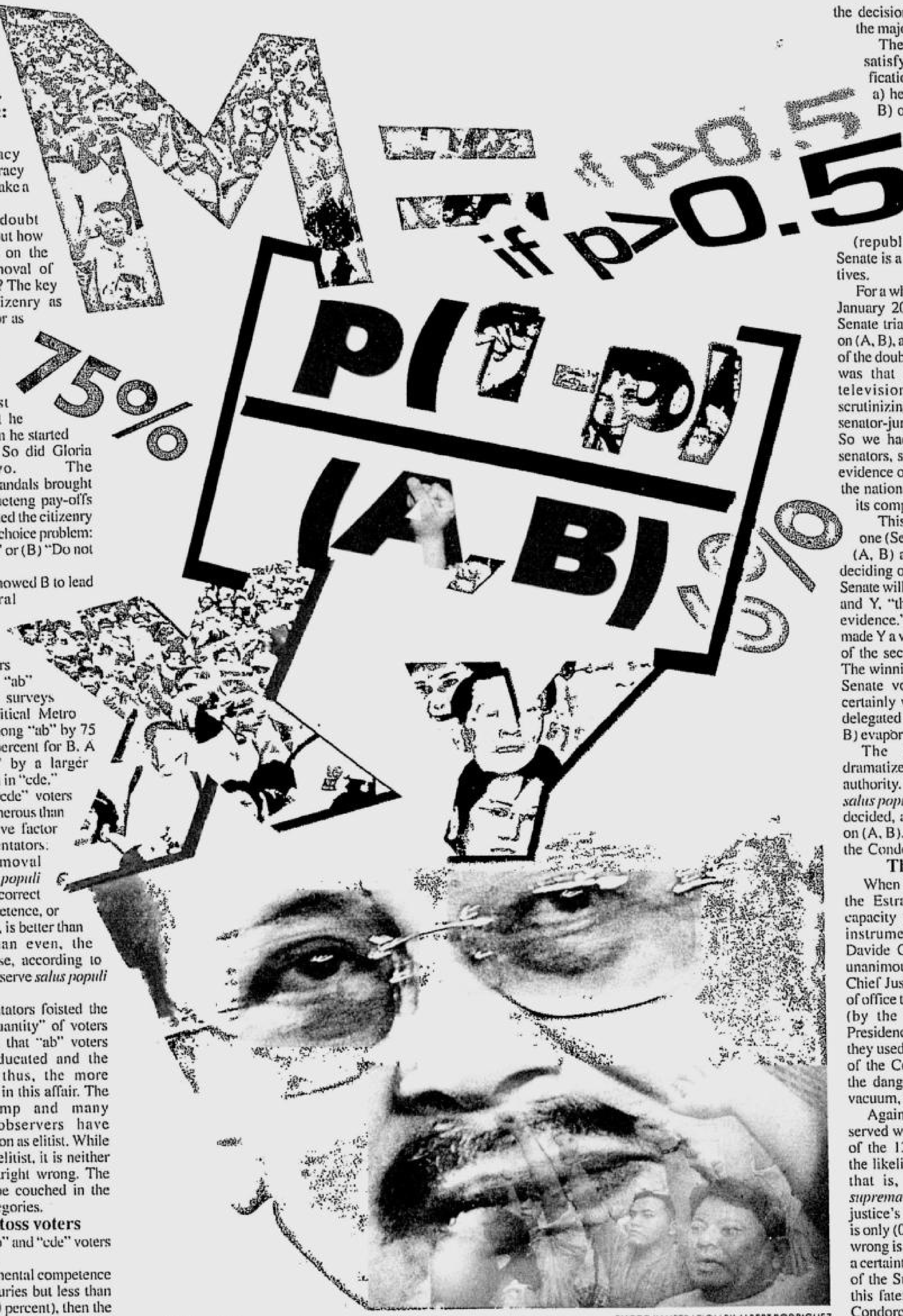
(a) If the judgmental competence is equal in both juries but less than even (less than 50 percent), then the greater number of "cde" voters imply that B (which wins among "cde") is the more likely incorrect choice. On the other hand, A, which won among the fewer "ab" voters, is less likely to be incorrect due to "ab" numbers being small. These follow from CJT (iii). Thus, A is less likely to be incorrect than B!

(b) If the judgmental competence of both juries is greater than even, with "ab" voters having the same competence as "cde" voters, the greater winning margin of A in "ab" voters could well mean that A is still the more likely correct choice than B since larger winning margins can overcome the greater numbers effect.

(c) If "ab" voters' competence is strictly better than even and that of "cde" is less than even, then clearly A is the more likely correct choice by CJT (ii) and CJT (iii).

(d) The most attractive regime gives "ab" voters slightly better than even average competence and "cde" voters are fair-coin-toss deciders, that is, their information set is very poor so that their best guess can go either way. Then A, the winner in "ab," is the more likely correct choice.

The fair-coin-toss characterization is motivated by some arguments, to the effect: "The poor believe they will be equally poor under either A or B. But they think Erap loves them. So they go for B." This view suggests that "cde" voters would vote on the intrinsic merits of A or B by tossing a fair coin. But they vote for B anyway due to an extraneous consideration. Thus, on intrinsic merit, "cde" voters may well be fair coin tossers. If so, A is more likely to be correct than B. A by the *suprema lex* is legal.



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The Marquis de Condorcet, the French philosopher of the Enlightenment, placed democracy's favorite voting mechanism—majority rule—on a solid mathematical footing. The Condorcet framework gives a compelling perspective on the legality of the removal of Estrada and the accession to the presidency of then Vice President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Some will object to why under some regimes (c) and (d), "ab" voters are postulated to have better competence than "cde" voters. The motivation is simply that valuable information is costly and the capacity to process relevant information is even more so. Since the divide between "ab" and "cde" voters is an information and education divide, this argument may not be farfetched. Most voting schemes respect this information divide.

### The information divide

Shareholders have as many votes as their shares because a higher stake means more incentive to invest in valuable information for correct decisions. Physicians enjoy enormous weight in deciding on how to manage a patient who largely gives up the decision prerogative. A medical school or length of practice proxy for information superiority is used.

Indeed, S. Nitzan and J. Paroush ("Optimal Decision Rules in Uncertain Dichotomous Choice Situation", International Economic Review 23, 1982) show that the maximum likelihood of a "correct" majority rule winner is attached to weighted voting (the weights being voter competence on the issue), not to one-man-one-vote.

The problem attached to this divide is its imperfect observability. The "ab" versus "cde" voter classification is a highly imperfect proxy for the information divide, unlike shareholding (which itself is already an imperfect proxy for information investment). The State does not know who belongs to which side of the divide and, thus, accepts as a pragmatic second best one-man-one-vote.

"All men are created equal" is not a tribute to divine omniscience but to human ignorance. But we will never move ahead in anything, let alone decision theory, if we insist on perfect information or certainty. Which is why the "ab-cde" classification is of interest.

In summary, if valuable information is costly and information processing is even more so, and if "ab" voters have more of both than "cde" voters, the likelihood of A ("Remove Erap") being correct—that is, serving better the welfare of the people—is higher than B's. The removal of Erap, in the sense of Condorcet, is legal by the *suprema lex* dictum.

### The envelope vote

When an issue (A, B) is complex—for example, the power restructuring bill—it is reasonable to expect voter competence to be no better than a toss-of-a-coin (that is, 50 percent). If the polity simply elects a representative from among its members whose competence over (A, B) is better than 50 percent, the delegation to the representative of the decision over (A, B) improves the majority rule's competence.

The representative has to satisfy two important qualifications as to general welfare: a) he/she must decide on (A, B) only on its merits, not on extraneous considerations; and b) he/she must have a greater capacity to process information. This is the foundation of a representative (republican) democracy. The Senate is a set of elected representatives.

For a while in December and early January 2001, the nation gave the Senate trial, in the run-up to a vote on (A, B), a wide berth and the benefit of the doubt. The undeclared subplot was that the nation through the television screen was itself scrutinizing the competence of the senator-jurors to decide on (A, B). So we had, on the one hand, the senators, supposedly evaluating the evidence on (A, B) and on the other, the nation evaluating the Senate on its competence to sift the truth.

This was a case of two juries: one (Senate) directly deciding on (A, B) and the other (the public) deciding on (X, Y), where X is "the Senate will decide on evidence alone" and Y, "the Senate will ignore the evidence." The envelope incident made Y a virtual certainty in the minds of the second more important jury. The winning decision in the aborted Senate vote on (A, B) is almost certainly wrong. Thus, the Senate's delegated authority to decide on (A, B) evaporated.

The Pimentel resignation dramatized this loss of delegated authority. It was all in keeping with *salus populi suprema lex* that people decided, as it were, to vote directly on (A, B). Thus, Edsa II was legal in the Condorcet sense.

### The vacancy vote

When by Saturday, Jan. 21, 2001, the Estrada government lost all capacity to govern, having lost all instruments of governance, the Davide Court conferred and, by a unanimous decision, authorized the Chief Justice to administer the oath of office to Ms Macapagal, *ipso facto* (by the very act), declared the Presidency vacant. In all likelihood, they used the "incapacity provision" of the Constitution, fully aware of the dangers of a prolonged power vacuum, already a fact by then.

Again, *salus populi* had to be served with dispatch. Since the vote of the 12 justices was unanimous, the likelihood of this being correct, that is, legally in the sense of *suprema lex*, is 99.72 percent if each justice's likelihood of being correct is only (0.6). The odds that they were wrong is 1 in 400. Thus, it is virtually a certainty that that jury of 12 justices of the Supreme Court was right on this fateful decision. Again, by the Condorcet framework, the Davide Court decision on this issue is unassailable.

The Condorcet framework, in combination with the legal principle "*Salus populi supreme lex*," serves up a compelling perspective on the legality of the removal of Estrada and of the accession to the presidency of Ms Macapagal. The removal of Estrada and the accession by Ms Macapagal were not only pragmatic and ethical but also legal decisions. The power of mid-term recall recognized by constitutions everywhere as sometimes imperative to protect public welfare can never be exercised in soft states where the normal institutions of recall are readily co-opted. That the removal and accession took a path outside this normal route does not mean it is unconstitutional.

"Incapacity to govern" is, after all, constitutional and was the last window that popular weal could crawl through when the impeachment door was maliciously slammed in its face. And, like a camel through a needle's eye, it did.

Finally, the fact that A was clinched when, by some count, at least 10 highly improbable events (each with, say, a 10 percent probability of occurrence) converged in one point of space-time with a joint probability of 1 in 10 billion suggests that A also had the vote of the Jury Upstairs.

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# LRT blast survivor swamped with gifts

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said Rosalea, a homemaker and native of the island-province of Biliran.

Buboy lost his right leg when a bomb exploded in a Light Rail Transit coach near the LRT Blumentritt station in Sta. Cruz, Manila.

His hospital bills have gone past P300,000, dwarfing the P70,000 that then President Joseph Estrada gave his mother in January.

Of that amount, Rosalea said, P50,000 was spent for the funeral expenses of Buboy's father.

"The rest was intended for Buboy's hospital bills. Every day we're supposed to pay P950 for his room," she said, ruefully comparing the P500 monthly rent that she pays for the family's 3-meter-by-5-meter squatter shack in Bacoor.

"And Buboy has been confined here for more than a month now. They told me he has to undergo another leg operation, although minor this time. They have not told us when he will be discharged. When that happens, I don't know how we'd be able to settle all the hospital bills," she said.

## Good Samaritans

Buboy, who will turn 4 on April 22, has received "cash and other donations" from Good Samaritans including actress Sharon Cuneta, actor-director Rowell Santiago, Senators Ramon Magsaysay Jr. and Gregorio Honasan, and INQUIRER employees who raised P10,000.

Some of the donations came all the way from Union City in California, and Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

"Buboy now has a 14-inch TV set, a small guitar, a transistor radio, coloring books and crayon sets, and at least two big boxes of toys, including his favorite Teletubbies—all gifts from strangers," Rosalea said. "They brighten up his day."

Pediatrics ward nurse Evelyn Tendenilla, whom Buboy calls "Mommy," said her favorite patient "never complained of pain."

"And he doesn't seem to worry about his missing leg," Tendenilla said.

But Buboy sometimes tires of playing with his toys and watching TV, according to his aunt Jonah.

"He throws tantrums and asks for his father, his brothers and his playmates (in Bacoor)," she said. "He misses them terribly."

Rosalea said she had not forgiven "those devils" behind the LRT bombing.

"I am praying to God that they get arrested, that they rot in jail. If not for them my husband would still be alive today, and Buboy would not be like this," she said.

Rosalea is considering joining the families of the other LRT bombing victims, who are also confined at the Chinese General Hospital, in filing a civil suit against LRT authorities for negligence in safeguarding train passengers and refusal to extend financial help to the victims.

The victims and their families, mostly poor residents of Metro Manila, said they could no longer afford hospital and medical fees.

## Father and son

There was no warning that Dec. 30 would change the family's life forever.

At around 9 a.m., Buboy and Roweno left their home at JS Subdivision in Bacoor. They were on their way to the house of Roweno's brother, Danilo, in Malinta, Valenzuela City, for a visit.

"They were going to pick up my sons' Christmas presents," Rosalea recalled. (Buboy has two siblings—2-year-old Joe Mari and 2-month-old Jerome.)

The explosion ripped through the front coach of the LRT train as it pulled into the Blumentritt station at around 12:15 p.m.

Roweno, a driver of the Rolfer Trucking Co., and 21 others were killed. About 100 other passengers were injured.

No one has claimed responsibility for the bombings, but early last month the Philippine National Police suggested that the extremist Abu Sayyaf was behind the LRT explosion.

On Jan. 6, the Department of Justice issued a resolution recommending the filing of information for multiple murder and frustrated murder against seven members of the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front, including MILF leader Salamat Hashim.

A week later, police filed criminal charges against Salamat, Al Hadji Murad, Gadzali Jaafar, Aleem Aziz min Bantah, Saifulla Unos, Mohammed Guindolongan and Ismael Abbas.

Except for Abbas, who is detained at the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Task Force cell at Camp Crame, the suspects have yet to be arrested.

MILF spokesperson Eid Kabalu has denied that the rebel group carried out the bombings.

The MILF has been blamed for earlier bombings in Metro Manila.

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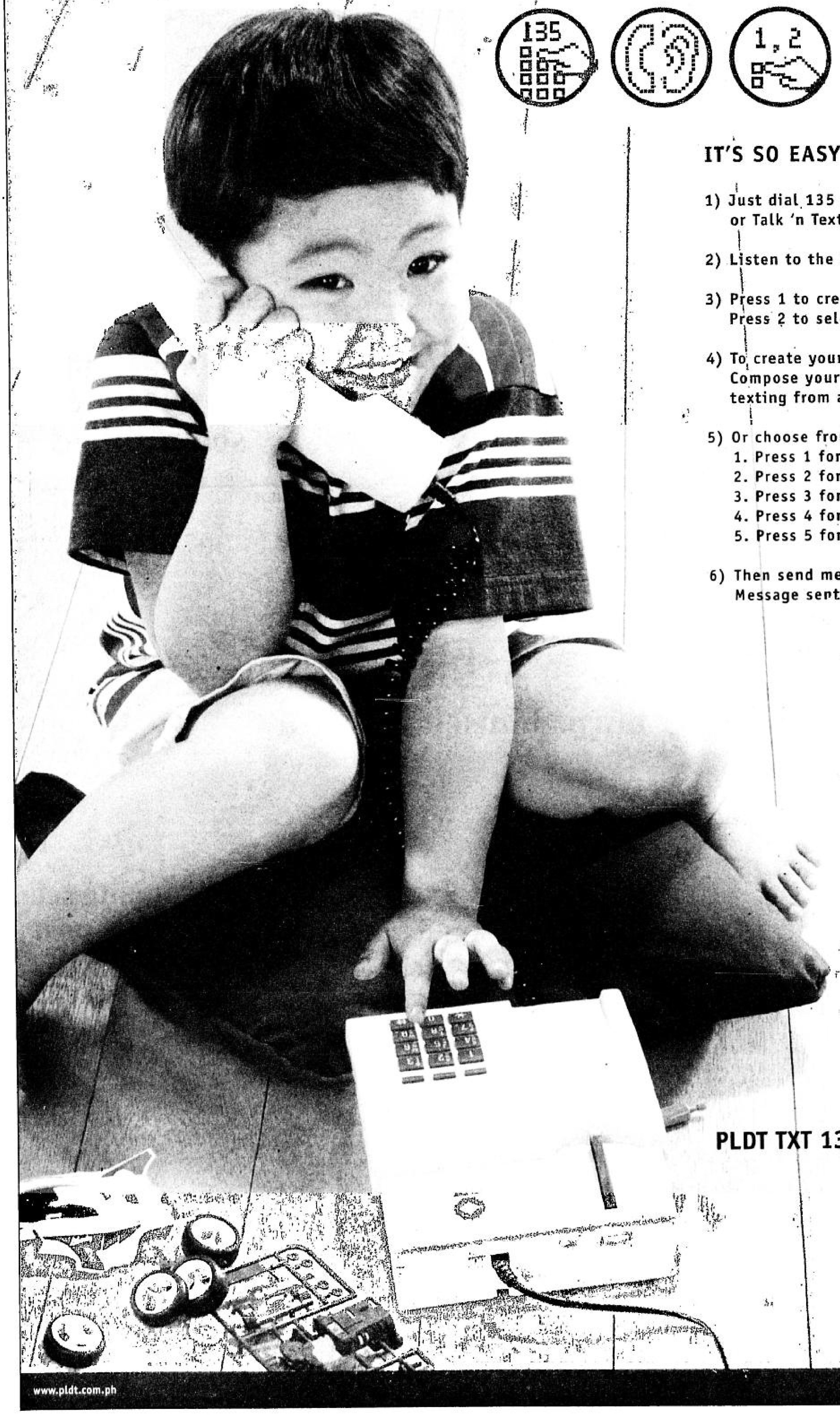

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# US, Britain launch Iraq air raids

**BAGHDAD—Anti-aircraft fire flashed in the night sky over the Iraqi capital and sirens drove frightened residents from the streets as United States and British warplanes struck outside Baghdad in their largest attack in months, reportedly killing one woman.**

Sirens started wailing at about 9 p.m. Friday, followed soon after by explosions from anti-aircraft weaponry from the southern and western outskirts of the city of more than 5 million people. State-run media reported that one woman was killed and 11 other people injured in the air strikes.

In the hospitals, children with bandaged legs and feet held their hands out to worried parents hovering nearby. Concerned family members stood by anxiously, waiting for news about their relatives.

"It is another aggression on Baghdad that resulted in the injury of many women, children and elderly," said Health Minister Omed Medhat Mubarak. "Some of them are in critical condition."

During the strikes, some residents of the capital—which has not heard air raid sirens for nearly two years—huddled together in fear in their houses. Others, however, braved the danger to watch the sky.

"How many times do they destroy what they themselves said they have already destroyed?" asked Samih Jamal, a 54-year-old retired government worker.

Almost 50 minutes after the sirens first sounded, more sirens announced the end of the air strikes. People began milling around the streets, shaking their heads and discussing the events of the last hour, but soon returned to their homes.

President Saddam Hussein chaired a joint meeting of the Revolutionary Command Council and Iraq's regional command of al-Baath Party late Friday. A statement issued after the meeting said the attack was proof that the United States and "the Zionist entity," Iraq's term for Israel, are "partners in evil and aggression."

"They thought they would scare Iraq but they are wrong," the statement said. "The more they continue their aggression, the stronger the Iraqi people . . . will be in facing them. We shall fight them on ground, sky and sea and their aggression will deepen their failure."

Two dozen warplanes fired long-range missiles targeting radar systems to the south and north of the capital that had boosted Iraqi capabilities to threaten allied aircraft patrolling, the Pentagon said.

It was the first strike since December 1998 north of the 33rd Parallel, which lies about 30 km south of Baghdad and marks the edge of the southern "no-fly" zone patrolled by US and British planes since 1991. Air raid sirens went off in Baghdad in February 1999 after strikes inside the no-fly zone.

Reports on Iraqi state-run television said 11 people, including at least three children, were being treated for various injuries at hospitals in Baghdad, and that one woman had died, but there was no official confirmation.

In Baghdad late Friday, the few people out in the streets were defiant. Store owner Ayad Hamid Ali, 52, said the United States and Britain only want to scare the Iraqis. "But they know we will not bow to the foreigners," he said.

"I will go to college as usual on Saturday to tell America that they will not stop people from living normally despite its efforts to stop the machine of life in Iraq," said student Sa'adi Yousef Toma, 22.

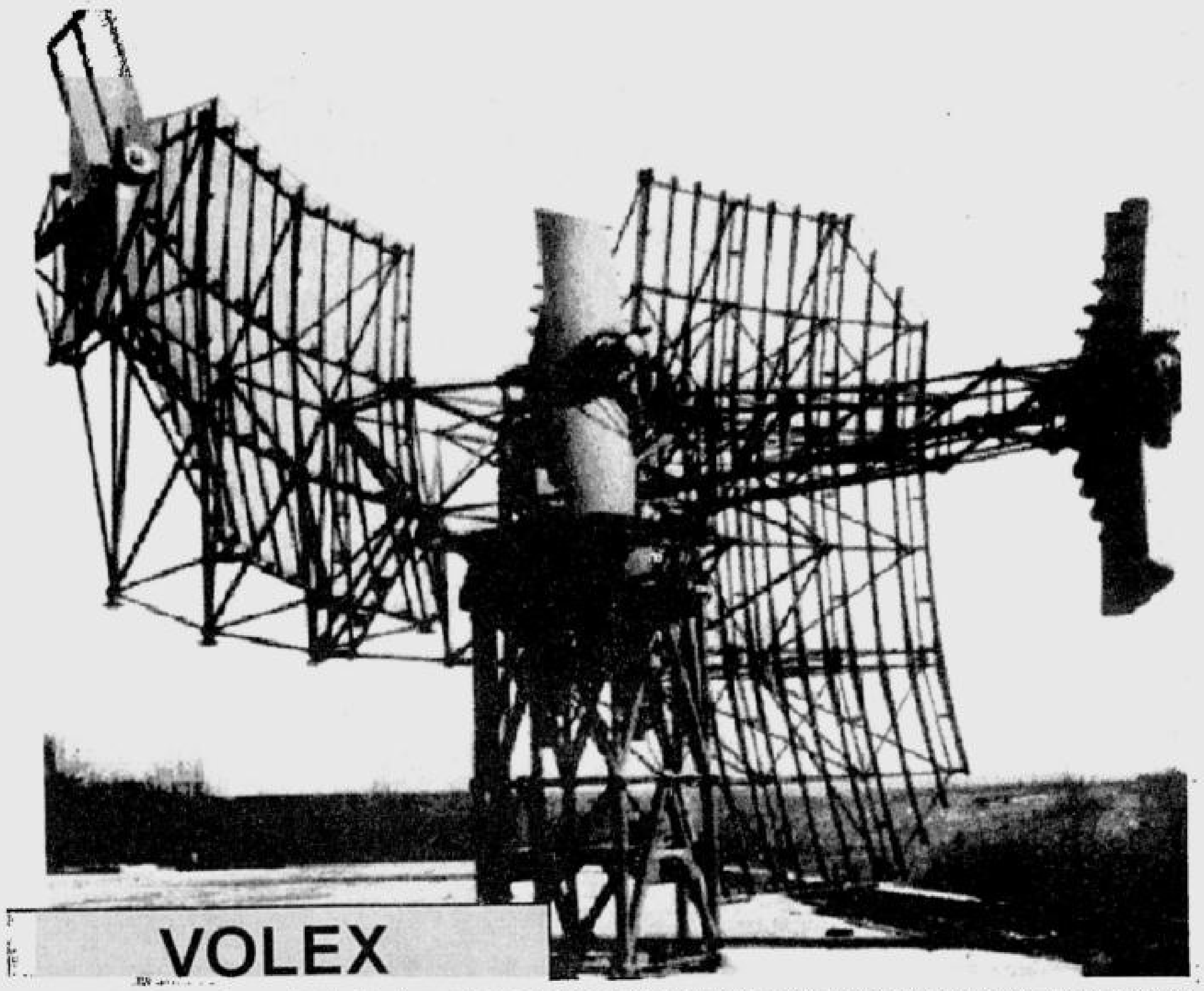
Shabab TV showed hundreds of youth demonstrating in the streets of the capital, volunteering to fight the enemy.

US President George W. Bush authorized the strikes Friday morning, 10 years after a US-led coalition assembled by his father drove Iraqi troops from Kuwait. British Prime Minister Tony Blair's office said the raids had been authorized by Defense Secretary Geoffrey Hoon earlier this week following discussions with the United States.

The allied warplanes struck their targets Friday without leaving the southern no-fly zone, using "standoff" weapons that zero in on targets from a distance, where the pilot is safer, the Pentagon said.

The Pentagon said the operation appeared to have been successful and no more strikes were needed soon. The planes involved in the strikes came from various locations in the Gulf.

In a statement faxed to The Associated Press in London, the Iraqi National Congress, an umbrella group of Saddam Hussein's opponents that is supported by the United States, said it "deeply regrets that yet again it is the Iraqi people that are paying the price for Saddam Hussein's aggression and his refusal to comply with the UN resolutions." *AP*



**UNDATED** file photo released by the Pentagon shows a version of the radar struck by the US in Baghdad Feb. 16. Ordering his first military strike, President George W. Bush sent US planes to bomb five Iraqi military sites around Baghdad that the Pentagon said had posed increasing danger to American and British aircraft. AP

# US mounts search for sunken fishing ship

HONOLULU—A support ship left port with a deep diving vehicle that will descend to the ocean floor in search of a Japanese fishing vessel that sank after colliding with a US submarine.

The 67-meter C-Commando was expected to reach the 14.5 km off Diamond Head and lower the remotely-operated Super Scorpio II early Friday afternoon if the weather remained good, said Lt. Cmdr. Flex Plexico, a spokesperson for the Pacific Fleet.

The vessel will descend 545 m to the ocean floor.

The 57.5-meter Ehime Maru, a training vessel for commercial fishermen, sank minutes after the USS Greeneville made a spectacular surfacing maneuver on Feb. 9, coming up under the fishing vessel.

Nine people are missing and may be entombed in the sunken wreckage. Twenty-six others were rescued an hour after the sinking that has strained the US military's relations with Japan.

Japanese officials and families of the missing have called for the United States to raise the Ehime Maru.

Plexico said the Navy's preliminary report on the accident could be released Friday, and will probably discuss what the Navy found in its preliminary investigation rather than focusing on a specific cause of the accident.

Meanwhile, all Navy submarine commanders have been ordered not to conduct emergency resurfacing maneuvers when civilians are on board.

There were 16 civilians on the Greeneville as part of a Navy familiarization program when the accident occurred, at least two of them at key control stations.

The US National Transportation Safety Board, one of the parties investigating the incident, said it has had telephone interviews with four of the 16 civilians who were aboard the Greeneville.

Safety board member John Hammerschmidt, briefing reporters, said it has not been determined whether the civilian sitting at the submarine's helm had any role in the accident.

"Exactly how involved that person was, we don't know that right now," Hammerschmidt said. "That will come as our interview process continues."

Toxicology reports requested by the US Coast Guard showed that none of the Ehime Maru's surviving crew tested positive for drugs or alcohol, Hammerschmidt said. He said 25 members of the Greeneville's crew were tested negative for drugs.

A directive Friday from the Submarine Forces Command said submarine skippers should not allow civilians to operate equipment until the Greeneville investigation is completed "and more is known about the specifics of this tragic event."

"Although nothing at this point indicates that the presence of civilians at control stations or their presence on board contributed in any way to this tragic accident, submarine operational commanders have received procedures for conducting civilian embarks," according to a Navy statement released here.

Plexico said submarines in the Pacific Fleet are continuing to allow civilians on board submarines.

At the US Defense Department on Friday, a Japanese Foreign Ministry official, Seishiro Eto, met with Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and other senior US Defense Department officials to discuss the accident and prospects for recovering the ship and the nine missing.

US Defense Department spokesperson Craig Quigley told reporters that Eto was briefed about the Coast Guard's response to the accident, and the rescue of 26 people from aboard the ship. He also was informed about continuing efforts to find the nine missing people, Quigley said.

President George W. Bush said Thursday the US Defense Department should review its policy on civilian participation in military exercises like the emergency ascent drill the Greeneville was performing when it sank the Japanese vessel.

Based on the preliminary investigation, Adm. Thomas Fargo, commander of the US Pacific Fleet, will decide whether the findings warrant court-martialing the sub's captain or crew, Pentagon officials said. *AP*

# Another Falun Gong member burns himself to death

BEIJING—Another member of the outlawed Falun Gong movement burned himself to death Friday in Beijing, a few hours after having arrived by train in the Chinese capital, state media reported.

Witnesses at the scene, who said that a man had set fire to himself around noon, could not confirm he was a Falun Gong member, and spokespersons from the movement said it was very unlikely he was linked to their group.

Xinhua news agency identified the alleged Falun Gong member as Tan Yihui, a 25-year-old shoe polisher from Changde, a city in central China's Hunan province.

The man's self-immolation followed a mass suicide attempt by five alleged Falun Gong followers in Beijing's Tiananmen Square on Jan. 23, in which one woman died.

Witnesses said the man soaked himself from a pail of gasoline before setting himself on fire in Wanshou Road in western Beijing, near the Avenue of Eternal Peace, the capital's main thoroughfare.

Several military installations are located in that part of the city, and the suicide took place near the gates of a dormitory of a school run by the Army's logistics department.

"He was so engulfed in fire you couldn't even see if it was a man or a woman," a witness said.

No witnesses said they heard him chant any Falun Gong slogans or perform any typical Falun Gong poses.

One witness related a rumor that the man called police himself prior to his suicide and that he had been accompanied by a woman who rapidly left the scene.

But according to Xinhua, it was a bystander who called the police, enabling officers to arrive within three minutes, while the man was still ablaze.

The fire was immediately put out by the police, who used fire extinguishers they carried in their car, but the man was already dead.

Police found a six-page letter near Tan's body detailing the reason why he chose to immolate himself, according to state media.

In the letter, Tan quoted Falun Gong founder Li Hongzhi as encouraging adherents of the movement "not to be afraid of dying in order to achieve nirvana," Xinhua said. *AFP*

**A SHOT** taken from a television account shows a policeman covering the remains of an alleged member of the banned Falun Gong spiritual movement after he set himself on fire in Beijing Feb. 16. Tan Yihi, a 25-year-old shoe polisher, died after setting himself alight on Friday in the Wanshoulu district in Western Beijing, Xinhua news agency reported. REUTERS

# Ukraine's Kuchma faces tough challenge

KIEV, Ukraine—Just months ago, Ukrainian president Leonid Kuchma was riding a wave of political and economic victories. Today, he faces a crisis that could throw Ukraine into chaos, rolling back whatever stability the country has achieved since the Soviet collapse.

Accused in the disappearance of a critical journalist who is presumed dead, Kuchma is the target of growing protests from a broad-based group calling for his ouster.

"The finale of what is happening now will be the replacement of the regime and the president," said Socialist Party head Oleksandr Moroz, a longtime opponent of Kuchma. "That will happen within months."

The months-old protests mark the most serious challenge yet to Kuchma, 62, who was first elected in 1994 and crushed a Communist to win a second five-year term in 1999.

Kuchma's supportive parliamentary majority has crumbled, public figures and politicians have formed a so-called National Salvation Forum to oust him, and protesters have set up a tent camp in the heart of the capital.

The crisis—and how Kuchma handles it—also loom large as signposts for the future of Ukraine, a nation of nearly 50 million people that stands between Russia and the rest of Europe.

A chaotic denouement would be a blow to the United States, which has supported Ukraine with millions of dollars and courted its military in an effort to create a buffer against Russia's regional ambitions.

The European Union and the United States have expressed concern over media freedoms in Ukraine, and Western leaders have demanded a full and independent investigation of the Heorhiy Gongadze case.

Some political analysts say Kuchma can still dig himself out of his hole. But how did it get so deep so fast?

Kuchma's critics say Ukraine's leadership was so rife with corruption that one final straw could bring it tumbling down. Then came the disappearance of journalist Heorhiy Gongadze, the discovery of a decapitated body believed to be his, and a set of audio tapes that allegedly document Kuchma giving instructions to get rid of the reporter.

Gongadze disappeared in September and the body was found in November, amid accusations from a former Kuchma bodyguard who fled the country. Maj. Mykola Melnichenko said he had planted a tape recorder under a couch in Kuchma's office, allegedly documenting the president and top aides fuming in obscene language about Gongadze and discussing how to silence him.

"He should be deported to Georgia . . . and thrown out there," roars a voice resembling Kuchma's. "The Chechens should kidnap him and take him . . . to Chechnya and ask for ransom."

Kuchma has adamantly denied having anything to do with Gongadze's disappearance, and prosecutors have said the tapes cannot be deemed authentic.

However, Kuchma said this week that he was almost certainly bugged, and last week he fired the heads of two top security officials—actions opposition leaders say are further evidence that the tapes are genuine.

Opposition parties from across Ukraine's sharply divided political spectrum—from socialists on the left to ultranationalists on the right—have seized on scattered protests over the Gongadze case, which culminated in a large rally in Kiev this month. *AP*

# HK official in passport scam jailed

HONG KONG—An immigration official was sentenced to 10 years in prison for conspiring to sell diplomatic passports and for possessing a false diplomatic passport, an anti-graft body said Saturday.

Lam Yuk-fai, 42, was convicted in the Court of First Instance of conspiring with a customs official, Chu Hak-lan, to transfer diplomatic passports of Sao Tome and Principe, in West Africa, to an undercover US customs agent, according to the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

The US agent, identified only as Arkadiy, was helping Hong Kong authorities carry out their probe into the passport scam that resulted in several convictions.

Lam was also found guilty of possessing a bogus diplomatic passport purportedly issued by Guinea Bissau, also in West Africa.

Justice Clare-Marie Beeson said Friday that Lam's crimes had violated international rules and endangered other countries—and he could have harmed Hong Kong's reputation.

Chu, convicted of conspiring with Lam, is serving four and a half years for his role and also for possessing unlawfully obtained passports issued by Brazil.

Chu began cooperating with authorities and testified against Lam.

A Sierra Leone immigration officer was sentenced to seven years for selling three diplomatic passports for $540,000 and a Hong Kong immigration officer convicted of taking bribes to let people enter Hong Kong illegally got four years, the anti-graft agency said. *AP*

# Negroponte seen taking UN post

WASHINGTON—President George W. Bush is expected to name John D. Negroponte, a former US ambassador to Mexico, the Philippines and Honduras, as the ambassador to the United Nations, US and diplomatic source said Friday.

In a varied 37-year career in the US foreign service, Negroponte, 61, also served at the National Security Council in the Reagan administration under now-Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Born in Britain of American parents of Greek extraction, Negroponte is fluent in Greek, French, Spanish and Vietnamese, and was on the US delegation to the Paris Peace talks more than three decades ago that ultimately led to ending American involvement in the wars in Indochina.

The UN post was last held by Richard Holbrooke, who was considered a leading contender to be secretary of state if Al Gore won the presidency.

After leaving the government, Negroponte was executive vice president for Global Markets for the McGraw-Hill Companies.

The sources, declining to be identified, said Bush was very likely to name Negroponte, choosing him from a number of contenders that included former Assistant Secretary of State John Bolton, former US Ambassador to Britain Raymond Seitz, former Red Cross chief Elizabeth Dole and Rita Hauser, a New York lawyer.

A Yale University graduate, and fellow of the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, Negroponte is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is married and has five children.

He joined the foreign service in 1960, and a year later was sent to Hong Kong as vice consul. Rising quickly in the ranks, he was assigned to Saigon as political officer at the US Embassy from 1964 to 1968. *AP*

## $306-M PIPELINE PROJECT

# Suharto daughter linked to corruption case

JAKARTA—One week after Indonesia's president threatened to crack down on those at the top of ex-dictator Suharto's old regime, prosecutors have declared the former strongman's eldest daughter a suspect in a multimillion-dollar corruption case involving the state-owned oil and gas monopoly.

Lawyers for Siti Hardiyanti "Tutut" Rukmana were not immediately available for comment Saturday. However, in the past they have denied that she was involved in corruption, which was endemic during Suharto's 32-year reign.

Although earlier attempts to jail Suharto and members of his family have failed, state prosecutor Moeljohardjo, who like many Indonesians uses only one name, announced that charges against into Tutut had been formalized on Friday.

News of the indictment was carried on the front pages of most Indonesian newspapers Saturday.

Moeljohardjo said the case against her centered around a $306-million pipeline project in the late 1980s that had been commissioned, but later canceled by the state's Pertamina oil and gas company.

He said a firm owned by Tutut carried out preparatory project work on the island of Java and had charged Pertamina $36.7 million for what had been completed before the whole scheme was abandoned in 1992.

However, Moeljohardjo alleged that Tutut's company had only done a fraction of the work it had charged for and had illegally pressured Pertamina to pay too much.

Tutut is Suharto's second child in a superrich family of six. She became a personal aide to her father and served in his Cabinet toward the end of his three decades in power in 1998.

The move against Tutut, who is regarded as Indonesia's richest woman, came exactly seven days after embattled President Abdurrahman Wahid promised to prosecute those he described as "big fish" in Suharto's regime.

Wahid—Indonesia's first freely elected president in four decades—is himself fighting off possible impeachment after a hostile parliament accused him of links to two other graft scandals.

It is not clear how successful this latest prosecution bid against a Suharto's inner circle will be.

Since his election in late 1999, Wahid's administration has tried but failed to punish other members of the former first family.

Suharto's youngest son, Hutomo "Tommy" Mandala Putra, is still in hiding following his conviction last September in a $11-million property scam.

Corruption charges against Suharto himself were dismissed last year after judges decided that the 79-year-old was too ill to stand trial.

Several other Suharto children have also been questioned about various shady business deals. *AP*

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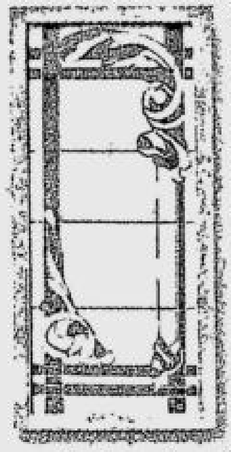

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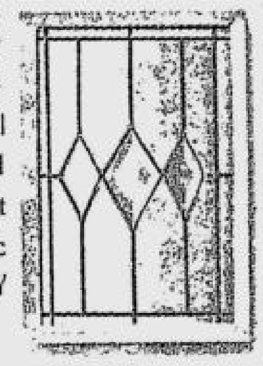

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## ROUNDUP

### Papal Nuncio: Have faith

SAN PABLO CITY—Pope John Paul II's ambassador to the Philippines told hundreds of lay and Church leaders in Laguna at his welcome ceremony in the cathedral here Thursday to let their faith guide them in finding solutions to issues affecting them, the Church and society. Archbishop Antonio Franco had announced before the People Power II that the Pope did not prevent local Church leaders from taking up social issues affecting them and the Church. He said his visit here made him a part of the life of the local Church.
*Romulo O. Ponte, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

### Edsa coalition break-up seen

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—The Edsa Forces Coalition in Palawan is expected to break up after Gov. Joel T. Reyes expressed his plan to run for governor. The administration party had earlier endorsed Rep. Alfredo Abueg Jr. (second district). Reyes said he would be the official candidate of the Lakas-NUCD-Kampi, then Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's coalition, while Abueg would run under another party. "It is our understanding that Congressman Abueg is the official candidate for the coalition, but for Lakas-Kampi, the official candidate is Joel Reyes," Reyes said. *Ruelle Albert D. Castro, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

### Rapes top abuse list

LEGAZPI CITY—Rapes, including incestuous ones, remain the highest recorded cases of violation of children's rights in Bicol over the last three years, said Evelyn Jerusalem, information officer of the regional Department of Social Welfare and Development. Department records indicate that Camarines Norte and Camarines Sur topped the list of provinces with the biggest reported complaints involving victims of child exploitation and sexual abuses. Latest statistics showed 28 cases in Camarines Sur, 25 in Camarines Norte, 22 in Masbate, 20 in Albay, 17 in Sorsogon and five in Catanduanes.
*Rey Nasol, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

### 1,182 face Comelec charges

LEGAZPI CITY—A total of 1,182 persons are facing charges of double registration as voters in Bicol, according to the Commission on Elections. Zacarias Zaragosa, Comelec regional director, said cases of double registration against 200 people had already been filed with various courts. He said many of those caught with multiple voters' registration thought their names had been struck out of the voters' lists, while others blamed their village officials who urged them to register. *Roly Embile, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

### Ligao cityhood awaited

LEGAZPI CITY—A House bill seeking to transform Ligao town in Albay into a city has been approved by the Senate and now awaits the signature of President Macapagal-Arroyo. Ligao Mayor Fernando Gonzales confirmed that HB No. 8192 had been signed by Senate President Aquilino Pimentel Jr. With the President's approval and if the people voted for its cityhood in a referendum, Ligao could become the sixth city in Bicol after Masbate, Sorsogon, Naga, Iriga and Legazpi.
*Juan Escandor, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

### Lucio Tan for 'Magic 13'

LUCBAN, Quezon—Tobacco magnate Lucio Tan has expressed full support to all the senatorial candidates of the administration's People's Power Coalition in the May elections. In an interview, Tan said that while former President Joseph Estrada remains his friend, "I must support them (PPC candidates) because they're from the government."
*Arnel Avila, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

### 3 bird hunters freed

DAVAO CITY—Three bird hunters who were seized by armed men in a forested area at the foot of Mt. Apo in Sitio Kukub, Barangay Eden here on Feb. 14, were released on Friday morning. Roberto Sombrio, Aries Payag and Fernando Bacordo said they were brought by the armed men, whom they believe to be Moro rebels, to the forests because they were suspected to be government agents. They said they were fed and treated well. Soldiers of the Army's 73rd Infantry Battalion have been deployed to pursue the armed men. *Jowel F. Canuday, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

## WEATHER FORECAST

**FORECAST:** Eastern and Southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms becoming widespread rains over Bicol Region, Eastern Visayas and Eastern Mindanao. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers

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# 6,000 flee from shellings

GENE BOYD LUMAWAG

AN OLD woman and her grandson seek refuge in an evacuation camp in Pikit, North Cotabato.

## Army-MILF clashes trigger aerial attacks

BY JOWEL F. CANUDAY
*PDI Mindanao Bureau*

PIKIT, North Cotabato—More than 6,000 people fled their homes following three days of shelling and ground operations mounted by government soldiers against Moro rebels here and in nearby Pagalungan town in Maguindanao.

One person was killed while two others were wounded on Monday when a bomb dropped by an OV-10 plane landed on civilian houses in Barangay Kabasalan, according to Pikit Mayor Motin Malingco.

Malingco reported that the bombings triggered the evacuation of people in Barangays Kabasalan, Barongis and Buliok here and in Barangay Kalbugan in Pagalungan.

Five houses in Kabasalan were destroyed during the shellings, prompting more residents to flee, the mayor told Undersecretary Jesus Dureza, chair of the government peace panel in the talks with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, during a meeting Thursday.

Dureza is also presidential assistant for regional concerns (Pareco) in Southern Mindanao.

Malingco said the military conducted the air raids after soldiers of the Army's 301st Infantry Brigade engaged MILF rebels in the boundary of Pikit and Sultan sa Barongis in Maguindanao on Saturday last week.

Col. Hermogenes Esperon, chief of the Army's 601st Infantry Brigade, said his forces and those of the 301st IB decided to concentrate their operations in Kabasalan and nearby areas.

Esperon said the military had received reports that MILF chair Salamat Hashim has converted these places into his new base.

The Army officer denied that there were civilian casualties during the bombings.

"For all we know, he (the casualty) is a member of the armed groups in the area because we have found that the MILF suffered 15 casualties," Esperon said.

The evacuees are scattered in eight villages here. They are receiving relief assistance from the Pareco and the National Disaster Coordinating Council.

Each of the 1,216 displaced families received 10 kilos of rice and 14 cans of sardines.

Malingco said the evacuees promised to return to their homes as soon as they get the relief goods.

But Dureza said reports sent by a team he sent to the area indicated that a number of the evacuees went toward the Liguasan Marsh, far from government and non-government relief groups.

An emissary of Salamat informed Dureza that the evacuees were now moving out of the marsh and are seeking assistance from the government upon the MILF chair's instructions.

The emissary also asked Dureza to "take care" of the people displaced by the fighting.

Dureza downplayed fears of a possible setback in the proposed resumption of peace negotiations with the MILF.

"This incident will spur us even more to get the peace process on track," Dureza told the INQUIRER.

Malingco failed to identify the civilian who was allegedly killed in the bomb raid. He said the wounded were brought to a hospital in Pikit.

# Diwalwal landslide kills 8, injures 11

DAVAO CITY—Eight persons were killed while 11 others were injured when a landslide hit a mining community in the Diwalwal gold rush area in Monkayo, Compostela Valley on Thursday night.

The landslide happened as heavy rain flooded nine towns in Compostela Valley and nearby Davao del Norte. It struck after three days of continuous rains.

The Office of the Civil Defense (OCD) identified those killed as Abubakar Sarik, Indayan Gapor, Mabel Muhamad, Reynaldo, 5; Ruby Glenn 2; Ryan 15; Rennalyn and Rea, all surnamed Lawag.

Rescuers and residents found only six bodies as heavy rain and knee-deep mud hampered the recovery operations.

Carmelito Lupo, OCD executive director, said barangay officials in Diwalwal had already advised residents of Purok 1-B settlement to transfer to safe ground.

"Actually, the whole of Diwalwal is unsafe and very risky, but the miners and their families insist on staying there because they have nowhere to go. We will have to campaign hard again to convince them to relocate to safe areas," Lupo said.

Those hurt in the landslide were brought to the Davao Regional Hospital in Tagum City.

Three days of continuous heavy rain also swelled rivers and streams, inundating low-lying areas in Davao del Norte and Compostela Valley.

As of 7 a.m. yesterday, 807 families from Sto. Tomas and Kapalong in Davao del Norte and in Mawab and Nabunturan in Compostela Valley have evacuated to higher and safe areas.

Lupo said reports from the field indicated flooding in Asuncion, New Corella and Braulio Dujali and Tagum in Davao del Norte, and in Maco, Nabunturan, Compostela and Monkayo in Compostela Valley.

He said several villages in these towns have been isolated as roads were no longer passable as of Friday night.

Initial reports reaching the OCD from the Kapalong agricultural office said 153 hectares of rice, corn and banana farms were destroyed by the floods.

Lupo said disaster response teams had been alerted while rubber rafts from the Philippine Navy and the disaster agencies were already dispatched to the area.

But Lupo said disaster response situation in the area is still manageable. *Jowel F. Canuday, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

# Laguna gambling lords target Mindoro

CALAPAN CITY—"*Jueteng*" and "*loteng*" have become rampant again in Oriental Mindoro following the takeover of the illegal numbers games by gambling lords based in Laguna and Bulacan.

Late last month, Pinamalayan town police arrested 10 suspected *jueteng* personnel and confiscated from them about P17,000 in cash and gambling paraphernalia.

Among those arrested were Ernie Flores, 36; Angelito Villanueva, 28; Ferdinand Torres, 35; Reynaldo Aldes, 51; Jimmy Solera, 36; Jonathan Santos, 28; Ronaldo Vitto, 26; Jovito Panangayo, 21; and Pablo F. Manalo, 35, all of San Pablo City.

They were on board an L-300 van with license plate No. LTS-670 when collared by lawmen.

The arrest bolstered earlier suspicions that *jueteng* operators here came from other provinces, particularly Laguna and Bulacan.

Chief Insp. Policarpio Lopez, police information officer in Oriental Mindoro, said police operations against *jueteng* operators had been relentless since the new police provincial director Romeo Ricardo was installed.

"These are all guerrilla operations," said Lopez of the *jueteng* operations, which became rampant at the height of the impeachment trial of then President Joseph Estrada.

Lopez said five persons have been arrested every week since the last week of January when *jueteng* reportedly resumed.

Last week, Gov. Rodolfo Valencia directed Ricardo to devise a plan to eradicate *jueteng* and other illegal numbers game.

Valencia noted that the illegal numbers games had been reported in this capital city and Socorro, Gloria and Pinamalayan towns.

Collectors, however, have gone to neighboring towns as well.

Valencia halted *jueteng* operations here in 1992 as part of his election campaign promise. Operations returned here shortly after the 1998 elections.
*Joel Jabal, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

# Cordillera villages gain from program

BAGUIO CITY—The Cordillera will be the pilot area for the Department of Transportation and Communications' alternative communications program (ACP) that will interconnect remote villages in the country.

Socrates Suayan, DOTC Cordillera director, said the new program would also include the rehabilitation of telephone lines earlier installed in the region under the government's municipal telephone program office (MTPO).

He said the P5.77-billion ACP aims to interconnect rural villages through telephones and computers this year.

"But the problem is, the (P5.77-billion fund) is not enough. The amount is only for the installation of new facilities but not for the improvement and repair of telephone units that the region has been using for the MTPO," Suayan said.

DOTC records showed that out of 60 telephone units used for the MTPO in the Cordillera, 29 were not working.

The repair, Suayan said, would take two to three years because of lack of spare parts. He said there are no funds for the maintenance of other communications facilities that the agency uses.

But he said the region had decided to push through with the MTPO despite earlier debates on its feasibility.

The MTPO's "Telepono para sa Barangay" (Telephone for the Village) project was nearly junked by the government in January last year because of its financial requirements and losses. *Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

# *Firm denies 'muro-ami' raps, maltreatment*

BY ROMY G. AMARADO
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DUMAGUETE CITY—Unity Fishing Corp. (UFC) has denied allegations that it is involved in the destructive "*muro-ami*" fishing method and is hiring minors.

Eliseo "Bloy" Audencia, UFC branch manager, also belied charges that their fishermen were maltreated.

Audencia was reacting to reports that 35 fishermen escaped from their fishing vessel, the FB Unity I, on Feb. 9 because they could no longer stand the inhuman treatment they were getting.

The shipping company is based in Dauin town, 14 kilometers south of this city and is owned by the Dy family of Navotas, Metro Manila.

"As a policy, our company does not allow inhuman treatment; otherwise, no one will work with us," Audencia said.

He, however, said the company would check the report and if the fishermen were indeed found to have been maltreated, those responsible would be dealt with accordingly.

Audencia maintained that the company did not practice *muro-ami* but "*pa-aling*," which is allowed by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

*Muro-ami* fishermen use stone weights to pound on coral reefs and seabed to scare the fish and drive them to nets. In *pa-aling*, bubbles produced through an air compressor are used to frighten the fish and force them to move toward the nets.

Rod Saucelo, executive assistant of Puerto Princesa City Mayor Edward Hagedorn, earlier told Negros Occidental Gov. Rafael Coscolluela that the FB Unity I was engaged in *muro-ami*.

Saucelo said 10 of the 35 fishermen who escaped from the vessel were minors and were now in the custody of the city government.

Coscolluela called up Saucelo on Thursday to inquire if any of the fishermen was from Negros Occidental. He was told that all were from Negros Oriental.

Audencia denied that the company was employing minors, saying that is unlawful.

He said representatives of the labor department, the Coast Guard, the BFAR and other concerned agencies conducted inspection before their vessels were allowed to sail.

Ten of the 35 fishermen are expected to be back to their families on Tuesday.

Apolonia Y. David, Palawan social welfare and development officer, sent a fax message to Gov. George Arnaiz that the 10 would board a boat for Iloilo on Monday. From there, they would sail to Bacolod City and take a bus for Negros Oriental.

The Puerto Princesa government will pay for their transportation expenses.

David identified them as Jerry Binapo, Benny Cadiente, Jaime, Joel and Danny Lastimoso, Ricky Yballe, Reynante Kadusale, Jomar Ferolino, Edgar Blaza and Rickson Belonta.

They are residents of Bindoy and Sta. Catalina towns, and Dumaguete and Bais cities.

David said they were placed in the custody of Francisco de los Reyes, barangay chair of Mandaragat, Puerto Princesa.

The other fishermen were believed to be still in Barangay Caruray in the island-municipality of San Vicente, Palawan.

The fishermen went to Caruray to seek help shortly after escaping from the vessel.

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## SENATOR PENDATUN

# He unified Muslims and Christians

**By Nash B. Maulana**
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**ANYBODY who visits the Senate would be enriched by biographies of some great Filipinos carved on bronze tablets hung by the rooms named in their honor—distinguished members of the chamber at one time or another.**

In a privilege speech titled "The Senate's Distinguished History," then Senate President Neptali Gonzales sought to name the Senate's conference rooms, a lounge and a multipurpose hall after illustrious personalities of the legislature—Claro M. Recto, Jose P. Laurel, Lorenzo M. Tañada, Geronima Pecson, Lorenzo Sumulong, Ambrosio Padilla, Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez and Salipada K. Pendatun.

Curiously, Pendatun is the only one from Mindanao in this short list of former senators honored by the passage of Senate Resolution 125, which approved Gonzales' proposal on Feb. 2, 1998, the chamber's 81st anniversary.

Gonzales and Senators Francisco Tatad, Marcelo Fernan and Leticia Ramos-Shahani sponsored the resolution. (Many people, however, would argue that the list could have been extended to include such giants in Senate history as Arturo Tolentino and Jose W. Diokno).

On his 16th death anniversary on Jan. 27, Pendatun was remembered in his native Maguindanao not only as the first elected Muslim senator (Rasul Hadji Butu, Piang Tan and Alawiya Alonto were merely appointed under the Commonwealth government) of the First Congress of the First Philippine Republic, but also as the first Filipino who succeeded in unifying Mindanao's Muslim and Christian communities, especially during the Japanese occupation.

"That dignified figure that shone through as he ascended unto this rostrum can no longer be seen. That thunderous voice that echoed unto the four walls of this chamber as he presided over our sessions can no longer be heard. Indeed, Sali, as he was affectionately called, was the epitome of courage and daring," Gonzales said during his eulogy for Pendatun, the Batasang Pambansa's speaker pro tempore, on Jan. 28, 1985, a day after Pendatun's death.

### Youngest senator

At 34, Pendatun was the youngest elected senator of the First Philippine Republic when the Liberal Party under President Manuel Roxas emerged victorious in the post-war elections of 1946.

President Elpidio Quirino appointed him presidential adviser after he lost a reelection bid in 1950.

But Pendatun's Cotabato constituents kept electing him to the House of Representatives, where he enjoyed the confidence of his peers, serving as speaker pro tempore for at least four terms.

The martial law years saw Pendatun as one of the staunchest critics of Marcos, whom he accused of plotting his ambush on Aug. 23, 1971 in Sta. Mesa, Manila, and of masterminding the infamous Plaza Miranda bombing two days earlier.

Although Marcos had extended to him a reconciliatory arm after the paper lifting of martial law in 1981, many people believed that Pendatun's rift with the Marcoses was beyond settlement.

In 1964, Pendatun led a House coup under the Macapagal administration to wrest the speakership from Leyte Rep. Daniel Romualdez, an uncle of Marcos' wife Imelda.

It was said that Romualdez's ouster in favor of Capiz Rep. Cornelio Villareal led to his fatal cardiac arrest.

Pendatun, citing House rules, also sought the suspension of Cebu Rep. Sergio Osmeña Jr. in 1958 over Osmeña's verbal attack against President Carlos Garcia on the floor of the House. The subsequent decision of the House leadership to suspend Osmeña on Pendatun's motion, citing the Chamber's rules, was upheld by the Supreme Court.

SALIPADA PENDATUN

### Fighter

A few days ago, Speaker Feliciano Belmonte reminded Maguindanao Rep. Didagen Dilangalen that the current House leadership could suspend him under the same rule for calling President Macapagal-Arroyo "Vice President" or "acting President" in a recent privilege speech. Dilangalen, like Pendatun, is from Maguindanao.

Lawyer-writer Jose Flaminiano, who, during the impeachment trial of then President Joseph Estrada, would become famous as Estrada's lawyer who kept saying "objection, your Honor," was years ago one of Pendatun's biographers. He describes the Muslim senator as a "fighter" in times of war and peace.

"Behind that feisty voice (in Pendatun) was a soft heart, ready to help, and a friend indeed to friends in need," wrote the late columnist Jesus Bigornia, a relative of Pendatun's in-laws—the Faraleses of Ilocos.

Pendatun married Aida Farales (now deceased), with whom he had five children—Bai Mariam, Bai Moniera, Bai Zamrod and Salipada, Jr.

Born on Dec. 3, 1912 to Datu Ante and Bai Saadia Pendatun in Pagalungan, Maguindanao, Pendatun started demonstrating his leadership prowess at a very young age, among his classmates.

His teachers recognized his ability by allowing him to finish elementary in three years instead of the usual seven years. Students until 1940 spent seven years in the elementary grades.

Pendatun took his pre-law and law studies at the University of the Philippines in 1939 and became a full-fledged lawyer the following year.

President Manuel L. Quezon appointed him provincial board member of the undivided Cotabato Empire after serving as chief legal assistant to Assemblyman Datu Duma Sinsuat.

When Jose P. Laurel assumed the presidency under the Japanese imperial government, Pendatun declined his presidential appointment as governor of Cotabato.

On Dec. 19, 1941, he joined the defenders of Davao against the invading Japanese forces, as a third lieutenant of the 102nd Infantry under Lt. Col. Alvin Wilson.

Pendatun, his brother Datu Abubakar and their brother in-law Datu Udtog Matalam subsequently organized the Cotabato Resistance Movement (CRM), which subjected Japanese garrisons in Pikit, Kabacan and Midsayap areas to intense offensives that inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy forces.

### No surrender

Following the Fall of Bataan, Mindanao guerrillas defied surrender orders from their American superiors in Manila.

Lt. Gen. J.M. Mainwright, head of the US Forces in the Philippines, signed the final "Surrender Order" to Maj. Gen. Willian F. Sharp, commanding general of the Visayas-Mindanao Forces.

But Pendatun and his men, composed of Muslims, Christians and *lumads*, refused to surrender. On Nov. 26 1942, they started their long march to Kibawe in Bukidnon to help Christian guerrillas under Lt. Vicente Leuterio repel the enemy force all the way to Kitaotao.

According to retired Maj. Mokamad Adil, a surviving member of the CRM, "there was a strong justification in Pendatun's troops" reinforcing the Filipino resistance at Kitaotao, Bukidnon, because people there were threatened with a "*juez de cuchillo*" (justice of the blade) by the invading Japanese soldiers.

Kitaotao residents led by Commonwealth Assemblyman Manuel Fortich provided the joint Cotabato-Bukidnon Force with all the cooperation they needed.

A day before Pendatun's 30th birthday, the Cotabato-Bukidnon Force (CBF) launched an offensive that started a bloody five-day siege until the strategic Japanese encampment at Kitaotao finally fell on Dec. 7, 1942.

The officers and men of the CBF were unanimous in approving a resolution giving the then Lieutenant Pendatun, their commanding officer, the rank of colonel.

### Turning point

The fall of Kitaotao and the subsequent battles against the superior Japanese force marked the turning point for Pendatun's guerrillas.

"The unprecedented success of the offensives—marked by conspicuous acts of gallantry—boosted the prestige of Salipada Pendatun to heights never before enjoyed by a guerrilla leader," wrote Philippine military historian Urdanico Baclagon.

In his book, "The Christian-Moslem Guerrillas of Mindanao," Baclagon wrote: "As a student of Philippine military history, I have always been an admirer of the bravery of our Muslim brothers and their determination to defy foreign subjugation. Available historical records are replete with stories of Muslim resistance to Spain and of defiance to American efforts to bring them to the heel. Of more recent vintage was the immediate reaction of Moslems to the Japanese occupation."

Pendatun survived the fierce battles he fought in Mindanao against superior enemy strength, the automatic rifles fired at him at close range during an ambush at the Stop & Shop in Sta. Mesa and the Plaza Miranda bombing in 1971.

But he did not survive a car accident on Edsa and Quezon Boulevard on Jan. 27, 1985.

Long before he died, however, Pendatun had forgiven one of his ambushers, a hit man of an influential family in Cotabato. The suspect and his family privately confessed and sought the man's compassion to spare him from imminent death sentence.

Two others were sentenced to death and were executed through electric chair.

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# Yin and Yang

**MY POINT OF VIEW**

Margarita
Moran-Floirendo

ON AUG. 28, 1940, in his first official report as manager of the National Land Settlement Administration (NLSA) to the agency's board of directors, which included then Interior Secretary Rafael R. Alunan as chair and Secretaries Benigno S. Aquino Sr. of agriculture and commerce, Manuel A. Roxas of finance and Jose Avelino of labor, Maj. Gen. Paulino Santos (ret.) concluded:

"We have peopled an otherwise empty valley and built communities, which are models of cleanliness, industry and peace. We received many settlers with nothing but a few articles of clothing and their wives and children woefully undernourished, their hopes almost crushed by suffering.

"Today, I am happy to report that most of them live in their own houses, cultivate their own lots and raise enough crops for their daily consumption . . . Through healthy living and constant medical attention, their families are now well on the road to health. There is no question that they have found a better home than the one they left behind."

More than 60 years after, the settlement that he helped found and the city that now bears his name has grown into one of the most progressive areas in Mindanao and the rest of the Philippines. As a result of the booming tuna market, the city of General Santos has seen tremendous growth in business and trade.

More and more companies are coming in. And while the rest of the country seems mired in the economic doldrums, GenSan just keeps moving up and up.

In terms of population, the city has, through the years, grown from an initial count of 92 persons comprising the first contingent of settlers that came on Feb. 27, 1939 to more than 450,000 souls.

The jump in population owes its increase to several factors, not the least of which is the prosperity that the city now enjoys. Nowhere is the axiom "Everybody loves a winner" more evident than in the gold rush-like flood of migrants to this southern Philippine city.

For the common man looking for jobs and searching for a better life, GenSan, with its bustling ports and busy commercial districts, is a beacon that is simply hard to resist. And while this poses certain advantages, particularly in the ready availability of a large labor pool, there is also a very big downside.

Like the Chinese concept of Yin and Yang, two opposite sides of the same coin, the growth and prosperity of GenSan have also brought social ills that now plague the populace.

One of the most glaring, and the subject of the book, "Sex in GenSan", co-authored by Dr. Domingo Non and Dr. Wilfred Bidad, is the proliferation of commercial sex workers. This is fueled primarily by the uncontrolled influx of people from the rural areas into the city to escape poverty.

Based on their research on STD/HIV/AIDS and from their intervention work in General Santos, Bidad and Non revealed that sex workers in General Santos numbered 3,000, 75 percent of whom are street walkers or freelance sex workers visiting pubs, videokes and food outlets.

They also include the notorious "*akyat-barko*," freelancers who literally meet and climb aboard arriving ships to provide intimate company to lonely seamen. It is a lucrative market as about 400 ships dock each year at the General Santos port, providing sex workers at least one ship a day to climb aboard.

But just like every other commodity, when supply exceeds demand, the prices of these momentary pleasures also drop. Sex is cheap because, as the book describes it, most of the workers earn less than P2,000 a month, way below the minimum wage.

But that is not the end of bad news for those who engage in this trade. Aside from the lousy pay and atrocious work environment, there is the aspect of poor health safeguards.

According to research data, a third of the customers of commercial sex workers do not use condoms and are at risk of getting STD, including the dreaded HIV that causes AIDS.

In fact, there are four confirmed AIDS victims in GenSan. One of them had died, while the rest are still roaming around, unidentified and unaccounted for.

Lately, aside from being the tuna capital of the Philippines, GenSan has earned the distinction of having the highest incidence of syphilis in the country. And just like its success with tuna, the city owes this (dis)honor to the fishermen returning from extended fishing expeditions who become infected with the dreaded diseases from foreign shores, particularly in Bitung, Indonesia. Based on the studies conducted, 90 percent of these returning fishermen were infected.

As if these weren't enough, the presence of tribal women plying the trade should be a big cause of concern. Non estimates that a third of the freelancers in the industry are young *lumads*, mostly from the B'laan tribe.

Few people realize how vulnerable they are due to the harsh realities confronting their communities. A number of reasons are the loss of their traditional domain, the influence of media, lack of education and basic social services, exploitation by lowlanders and even by their fellow *lumads*, deterioration of peace and order, and natural calamities such as the last El Niño.

And the reasons continue.

For its part, the city government is addressing the problem by providing a mechanism to control and eradicate the proliferation of sexually transmitted diseases among workers and patrons of the entertainment industry.

Nongovernment organizations like the SHED Foundation have undertaken efforts in the campaign to educate the populace on sexual diseases. However, and in spite of this, the problem continues to grow, and will continue to grow without the help of the community.

Just like in those early pioneering days, when the very forces of nature seemed to take a personal pleasure in tormenting the settlers, the problem of sex and STD in GenSan can only be solved through a "communitarian" effort.

Perhaps in this, the people of GenSan, and even the rest of the country, can take heart in the words of General Santos:

"We have proven to skeptical people that the Filipino can work in peaceful productivity in the community, unhampered by vices, which sap his moral strength. We have settlers from different parts of the Philippines living in brotherly harmony helping each other shape their common future."

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# More perks for military

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Under the program, the agriculture department will provide soldiers and their families in the major and satellite military camps basic food items such as rice and sugar.

The staples will be sold at lower prices in camp commissaries nationwide.

Among those who marched in the alumni parade were members of the PMA classes starting from Class 1940. A marcher, Manuel Acosta, 86, fainted during the parade, apparently from heat stroke.

Former President Fidel Ramos, a member of Class '51, marched along with his "mistahs," as did Senators Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan and Rodolfo Biazon, who are both seeking reelection.

### Confidence

Ms Macapagal spoke confidently, "not only as President and commander in chief but as one of the guys."

She recalled that even the retired military officers sounded the call for those in the active military service to support the anti-Estrada forces.

She said she could not sufficiently express her gratitude for their action.

"I feel confident I can count on you just as I counted on you (in the people's uprising against Estrada) and in the difficult days afterwards," she said.

It was an apparent reference to the rumored destabilization plots against her administration.

Honasan pointed out, however, that the President's attendance at occasions such as yesterday's event was not enough to "make sure that the military will uphold the Constitution."

"It will all depend on how they will resolve the constitutional issue (of the Macapagal presidency) and on how soon they can suppress this hate campaign dominating not only the urbanized centers but (also the nation). The Filipino people are wiser and they know better," he said.

Honasan was citing the "hate campaign against the former President and 11 senators," himself included.

At Estrada's impeachment trial, the 11 senators voted against the opening of the second envelope containing evidence on the "Jose Velarde" accounts believed to belong to Estrada.

But Honasan denied that he and his group were plotting a coup. He said he had already entered politics and had no plans of engaging in military destabilization moves.

Dr. Cesar Pobre, a member of Class '52, said the PMA was fully behind the Macapagal administration.

He said he was sure that there would be no coup attempt against the present government.

### No endorsement

In an interview with the INQUIRER, Lt. Gen. Edgardo Espinosa tried to squelch speculations that a "victory ball" held Feb. 12 was his virtual passport to being appointed Armed Forces chief of staff.

The current holder of that position, Gen. Angelo Reyes, will retire on his 56th birthday in March.

"I was never endorsed," Espinosa said.

He described the party—held at a private residence in Quezon City and reportedly attended by 300 enlisted men and generals involved in efforts to topple the Estrada administration—as "just a fellowship where we had some food and did some singing."

"We had no special agenda, as stated by erroneous reports. It was a simple celebration," he said.

Espinosa, a member of PMA Class 1967, is commanding general of the Marines.

He is supposedly included in a short list of potential replacements for Reyes, along with Lt. Gen. Jose Calimlim, AFP vice chief of staff, and Lt. Gen. Diomedio Villanueva, Army commanding general.

On comments that Marines were backing his appointment, Espinosa said this was only logical because they are under his command.

"I can't say (who would be appointed)," he said, adding:

"It's too early to tell, and I really don't mind if the President won't choose me. It's all up to her. Anybody can be named. I have no influence on the President's decision."

### Friendship

But members of PMA Classes '66, '76 and '81 expressed opposition to Espinosa's appointment, citing his supposed friendship with Estrada.

"This man is not the right person to run the military. After (Reyes) decided to abandon Erap, here we're bringing back someone who was Erap's friend," said a member of Class '81 who asked not to be named.

Other PMA alumni had a specific complaint.

A member of Class '66, a retired general, told reporters that Espinosa still had to address questions raised in Zamboanga City about his supposed connection with Lepeng Wee, Estrada's ally and former adviser on Mindanao affairs.

"If we are to believe the old military rumors reaching us, (Espinosa) would be worth P200 million because of that connection. He has to clear his name of this report first before he can expect support from the Marines. They know about this alleged sin," the retired general said.

But Fortunato Abat, a key player among the retired generals who had lobbied for Estrada's resignation, advised PMA graduates against "unnecessarily influencing the presidency."

"Our problem is *masyado tayong madaldal* (we talk too much) . . . *Lahat tayo ay nakikialam* (We are all poking our noses into this business). This is the President's prerogative. She will make the decision, even if the generals make their short list," Abat said.

### Sour note

Also yesterday, the President held her first multi-sectoral dialogue in the Cordilleras. But one sour note marred the event.

"A participant told me that it was as if the government was talking to itself," said lawyer Concepcion Luis, coordinator of the Kaibigan ni Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (KGMA) in the Cordilleras.

According to reports gathered by the INQUIRER, the President's security aides tore up the banners of a group comprising 30 students and members of nongovernment organizations and prevented it from bringing issues directly to her during the dialogue held at the open-air gymnasium at Barangay Gibraltar.

Luis expressed outrage at the harsh treatment from the Presidential Security Group.

"I hurt for these people who raised valid issues. I hurt for the treatment that they received from the (PSG)," she told the INQUIRER.

Luis said the incident also reflected badly on Ms Macapagal.

"*Hindi ganoon ang katauhan ni* President (That is not her character). We know her very well. (She) is always willing to listen to valid concerns," Luis said.

She said the students, part of an original group that the Presidential Management Staff had cleared to meet with Ms Macapagal, were to raise concerns such as tuition increase and government subsidy to education.

The meeting was reportedly canceled.

"We wish to apologize to all sectors and groups who are trying to express their views for having been mistreated by the PSG," Luis said.

She said it was unfortunate that the students, part of the core of protesters who had helped oust Estrada and install Ms Macapagal to the presidency, would be so badly treated.

"I would also want to apologize to the hundreds of Baguio students and their teachers who sacrificed their classes to be able to join the protest marches for People Power II," she said.

Participants in the dialogue also said they felt that the government had ignored the legitimate representatives of such sectors as women, the urban poor and indigenous peoples. ***With reports from Robert Abaño, Avigail Olarte, Helen Juanillas and Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau; AFP***

RESIDENTS of Kasiglahan Village in Barangay San Jose, Rodriguez, Rizal, otherwise known as Erap City has a long list of complaints against the deposed president.

JOAN BONDOC

# Where Erap is still considered president

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The village is connected to the rest of Metro Manila by a concrete bridge that Estrada ordered constructed in 1998.

"*Napakalaki ng utang na loob namin kay Erap. Dati squatter lang kami. Ang laking ginhawa nang binigyan niya kami ng lupa* (We owe him so much. We used to be only squatters. What a blessing it was when he gave us land)," Elsa Ruiz, 43, said.

Par was among the many Estrada supporters who barricaded the San Juan Municipal Hall when police tried to forcibly unseat their idol as mayor in 1986.

She injured her back while trying to defend Estrada. The former mayor, in turn, shouldered all her hospital expenses.

"*Utang ko ang buhay ko sa kanya* (I owe him my life)," she said.

It's that simple.

### Promise

When the settlement area was inaugurated in 1985, it had 1,000 residents, most of whom had come from Barangay Corazon de Jesus, a squatter colony in San Juan. The following year, the number of residents ballooned to 3,000.

Although they have yet to receive land titles, residents say Estrada has promised to award them the property very soon.

"We're sure we'll own this land. Erap has made a promise and he will keep it," Par said.

"Our only fear is that the new government might take this land away from us. If that happens, we'll fight till the end. We know our rights," Santos said.

Until they get the land titles, residents pay around P600 in real estate tax to Taytay authorities.

### Erap Bridge

A late afternoon drive over "Erap Bridge" took place against an awesome backdrop of clear sky with clouds billowing on the horizon like cotton candy.

The village has hundreds of concrete bungalows and two-story houses. Flowerpots crowd every possible space. Wet laundry flaps from a web of steel wires.

There's a *sari-sari* store on every corner where wives exchange gossip; and husbands, bottles of San Miguel pale pilsen.

Narrow concrete driveways that Estrada constructed in 1987 serve as playgrounds for children who gleefully run around unencumbered by shorts. By sundown, the kids' bare legs become playgrounds for mosquitoes.

### Three phases

Barangay San Lorenzo Ruiz is divided into three phases, each with its own water tank.

Drinking water is delivered and sold for P6 per container, said Jerry Berebes, 43, barangay secretary.

Phases 1 and 2 house most of the concrete homes, which residents themselves built using construction supplies donated by the Estrada family.

Phase 3 has 12 tenement buildings housing 38 families, Berebes said.

Through a system of shuttles, residents have access to schools and workplaces.

Every day, the shuttles fetch residents and transport them to the Pinaglabanan Shrine in San Juan, where the villagers catch other transportation to various points of Metro Manila.

### Scholars

Some students are enrolled at the nearby Star Hope Christian School where tuition is unusually cheap—P150 per semester for elementary pupils and P300 for high school students.

But most students go to the San Juan Municipal High School where Estrada and his son, Mayor Jinggoy Estrada, have been granting scholarships since 1972.

"Our area is really an extension of San Juan so we also enjoy benefits given to San Juan residents such as scholarships," said Ruiz, whose youngest daughter was an Estrada scholar from high school to college.

Ruiz herself received free high school education, thanks to the former president. Par's two children were Estrada scholars, as well.

Since they are considered "adopted San Juan natives," Taytay settlers receive full support from Mayor Estrada.

"When someone dies, just tell Jinggoy and he will shoulder all expenses. When we get sick, we go to Medical City and get free medicine. Everything is provided for us," Ruiz said.

"The only thing Erap hasn't given us is children," Par jokes. "He gives us whatever we ask for. He loves us all."

### Loi and Guia

Before they were relocated, residents said they were pampered not only by Estrada and Jinggoy but by ex-First Lady "Loi" and Estrada's mistress Guia Gomez and her son JV Ejercito.

"*Napakabait na tao niyang si Inday Ging. 'Pag kailangan mo ng tulong, makakapasok ka kahit anong oras sa bahay nila. Napakagaling niyang makisama* (Guia is such a kind person. Whenever you need help, you can enter her house no matter what time it is)," Santos said.

Par added: "*Nakakapasok kami sa bahay ni Erap mula sa kusina. Sasabihin niya sa amin, 'Kain lang kayo.' Ganoon siya kabait.* (We enter Erap's home through the kitchen door. He tells us, 'Have something to eat.' That's how good he is.)"

### Their turn

For many years, Estrada has made a personal commitment of visiting the Taytay community on his birthday, April 19, during which he distributes relief goods and inaugurates new projects.

His devout followers fear they might not be with their fallen hero on his birthday this year, but promise to give him a hero's welcome should he visit the "paradise" he has built for them.

"*Pumunta lang si Erap dito sa kaarawan niya, kami na ang bahala. Kami naman ang tutulong sa kanya. Ihahanda namin and lahat ng paborito niya—lechon, kanduli, kahit ano* (Just let Erap come here on his birthday, and leave it all to us. We'll help him for a change. We'll prepare all his favorites—roast pig, fish, anything)," Par said, wiping tears off her furrowed cheeks.

RESIDENTS of a resettlement site of San Juan squatters in Taytay, Rizal, celebrate Estrada's 63rd birthday last April.

VAL HANDUMON

# 'Erap City' not for Erap; they all went to Edsa

(From page A1)

ple in the village were not lazy. "It is just that there are no employment opportunities here, or nearby for that matter. To work, most of us have to go all the way to Manila or Quezon City," Sandoy said.

"But the fare and food expenses cost too much, and we end up with almost nothing for the other expenses at home," he added.

Sandoy said that he needed at least P100 a day to survive, with a two-way trip from Erap City to Cubao in Quezon City costing about P50.

Some children from relocated families have had to drop out because of the inaccessibility of schools.

The only school inside the village, which is actually a row of housing units converted into classrooms, houses elementary and high school students, but residents say that it is not enough.

### Pool, but no books

Shyra, 7, a first-grader in the local school, said there were about 50 students in her class.

She said she and her classmates had to copy almost everything from the blackboard, since the teacher has the one textbook in class.

Buboy, 11, lost both of his parents in the Payatas tragedy. He and his siblings have had to quit school and live with their relatives.

"But I might get to return to school in June. I just have to get my records from my old school," he said hopefully.

During class hours, Buboy plays with friends at the village clubhouse near the entrance to Kasiglahan Village.

Occasionally, he gets the chance to enjoy a dip at the pool, but that is only if he is lucky enough to have the P10 entrance fee—and if there are at least 29 others who are willing to swim and pay the fee at the same time.

### Watching Gloria

During the height of Estrada's impeachment trial, the people of Kasiglahan Village gathered around the few TV sets available in their neighborhood to watch defense and prosecution lawyers argue over the fate of the then president.

When the Senate voted 11-10 to block key evidence against Estrada, the former squatters were as agitated as hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of other Filipinos.

So they trooped to the Edsa Shrine in Mandaluyong and added their voices to the massive protest.

Now, with Estrada out of power, the residents of Erap City view the new President with wary hope.

Puriscal said he and his fellow residents would watch President Macapagal-Arroyo closely.

"All we want is a good future for our children. We just hope President Macapagal learns lessons from her predecessor's fate. We may be poor, but we will not be used by anybody," he vowed.

## SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

**LEGAL ETHICS (ATTORNEY-CLIENT RELATIONSHIP)—Client is bound by mistakes of his counsel**—The rule is that the client is bound by the mistakes of his counsel. The mistakes of counsel as to the competency of witnesses, the sufficiency and relevance of evidence, the proper defense, or the burden of proof, his failure to introduce certain evidence, or to summon witnesses or to argue the case, are not proper grounds for a new trial, unless the incompetence of the counsel be so great that his client is prejudiced and prevented from fairly presenting his case. A client is bound by the action of his counsel in the conduct of his case, and can not be heard to complain that the result of the litigation might have been different had counsel proceeded differently. Petitioner is precluded from harping on the alleged tactical blunders of her lawyer. [Citations omitted.] [Justice Kapunan, Abrajano v. Court of Appeals, G.R. No. 120787, October 13, 2000]

**DIGEST BY R.B. VERA**

# San Fo to fund sex change for city employees

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to $50,000 in benefits to city workers who want to switch their gender.

The measure will make San Francisco the first US city to partially finance sex-change operation under its health care benefits program.

The issue was discussed in Oregon, but a commission decided against it in 1999.

"I'm very pleased that we're doing it," Tom Ammiano, president of the Board of Supervisors, said Friday. "We have a noticeable transgender population in San Francisco, and many are city employees."

The benefits would be available starting July 1.

They would cover male-to-female surgery, which costs about $37,000, as well as the more complicated female-to-male surgery, which runs to about $77,000. It also would cover hormones and other procedures.

"This is a medically diagnosed condition—gender identity disorder. One does not enter into this cavalierly. It really is a matter of equal benefits for equal work," Supervisor Mark Leno said.

Transgender advocates said the measure's symbolism was more valuable than the benefits.

"I think it's really politically important to do that," said Susan Stryker, executive director of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society of Northern California.

### Joke?

"Transgender rights are often considered as a joke: 'What are those wacky San Franciscans going to do next?'"

Stryker, who had male-to-female surgery 10 years ago, said San Francisco's transgender community numbered about 15,000.

The term transgender covers a broad range of categories including cross-dressers, transvestites, transsexuals and those born with characteristics of both sexes.

Employees would have to work for the city at least one year before they would be eligible.

Officials estimate that as many as 35 city workers might take advantage of the new benefit in the first year, costing about $1.75 million.

People wanting sex-change surgery would have to pay 15 percent out of their own pockets if they were to use a doctor in the city's health network.

If an out-of-network doctor were to be used, he/she would have to shell out 50 percent of the cost of surgery.

San Francisco, known for its liberal social attitudes, passed a city law in 1995 prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity in city contracting.

It has also passed a landmark ordinance requiring companies doing business with the city to offer the same benefits to employees with domestic partners—either gay or straight—as they do for married employees.

*AP/Reuters*

## THE DAILY GOSPEL

**Sunday, February 18, 2001**
**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading:** 1 S 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul went down with three thousand picked men of Israel to the desert of Ziph in search of David.

So, that night, David and Abishai went into the camp and found Saul sleeping in the center, his spear thrust into the ground at his head, while Abner and the rest of the soldiers were sleeping around him. Abishai said to David, "God has delivered your enemy into your hands this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not repeat it." But David answered Abishai, "Do not harm him. For who could harm Yahweh's anointed and not be punished?

So David took the spear and the water jug from near Saul's head and they left. Nobody saw, nobody knew, nobody woke up. All remained asleep, for a deep sleep from Yahweh had fallen on them.

On the opposite slope David stood at a distance, on top of the hill.

David called out, "I have your spear with me, O king! Let one of your servants come over to fetch it. Yahweh rewards a righteous and loyal man. Today he delivered you into my hands but I refused to harm Yahweh's anointed."

**2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:45-49**

Scripture says that Adam, the first human being, *was given natural life*; but the last Adam has become spirit that gives life.

The spirit does not appear first, but the natural life, and afterward comes the spirit. The first man comes from the earth and is earthly, while the second one comes from heaven. As it was with the earthly one, so is it with the earthly people. As it is with Christ, so with the heavenly. This is why, after bearing the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.

**Gospel: Lk 6:27-38**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I say to you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you and pray for those who treat you badly. To the one who strikes you on the cheek, turn the other cheek; from the one who takes your coat, do not keep back your shirt. Give to the one who asks and if anyone has taken something from you, do not demand it back.

Do to others as you would have others do to you. If you love only those who love you, what kind of graciousness is yours? Even sinners love those who love them. If you do favors to those who are good to you, what kind of graciousness is yours? Even sinners do the same. If you lend only when you expect to receive, what kind of graciousness is yours? For sinners also lend to sinners, expecting to receive something in return.

But love your enemies and do good to them, and lend when there is nothing to expect in return. Then will your reward be great and you will be sons and daughters of the Most High. For he is kind towards the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Don't be a judge of others and you will not be judged; do not condemn and you will not be condemned; forgive and you will be forgiven; give and it will be given to you, and you will receive in your sack good measure, pressed down, full and running over. For the measure you give will be the measure you receive back."

**Commentary:**

*Why settle for junk food when you can have a full nourishing meal with only a little more effort? Why drink instant coffee when you can have real brewed coffee if only you can wait a while? Why watch a film on TV when you can see it on a wide screen? Why settle for a poor substitute when you can have the real thing? Jesus challenges us to raise our standard of loving. The poor substitute is loving only when we are loved back. There is no need to even exert an effort for that. "Even sinners love those who love them." The real thing for Jesus is loving even those who cannot love us in return. This is what it means for Luke to love like God. It is to have the compassion of God who—like a father—loves his children when they are good, all right, but doesn't stop loving them when they turn bad. Why should that sound alien to us if we were created in the image and likeness of this God?*

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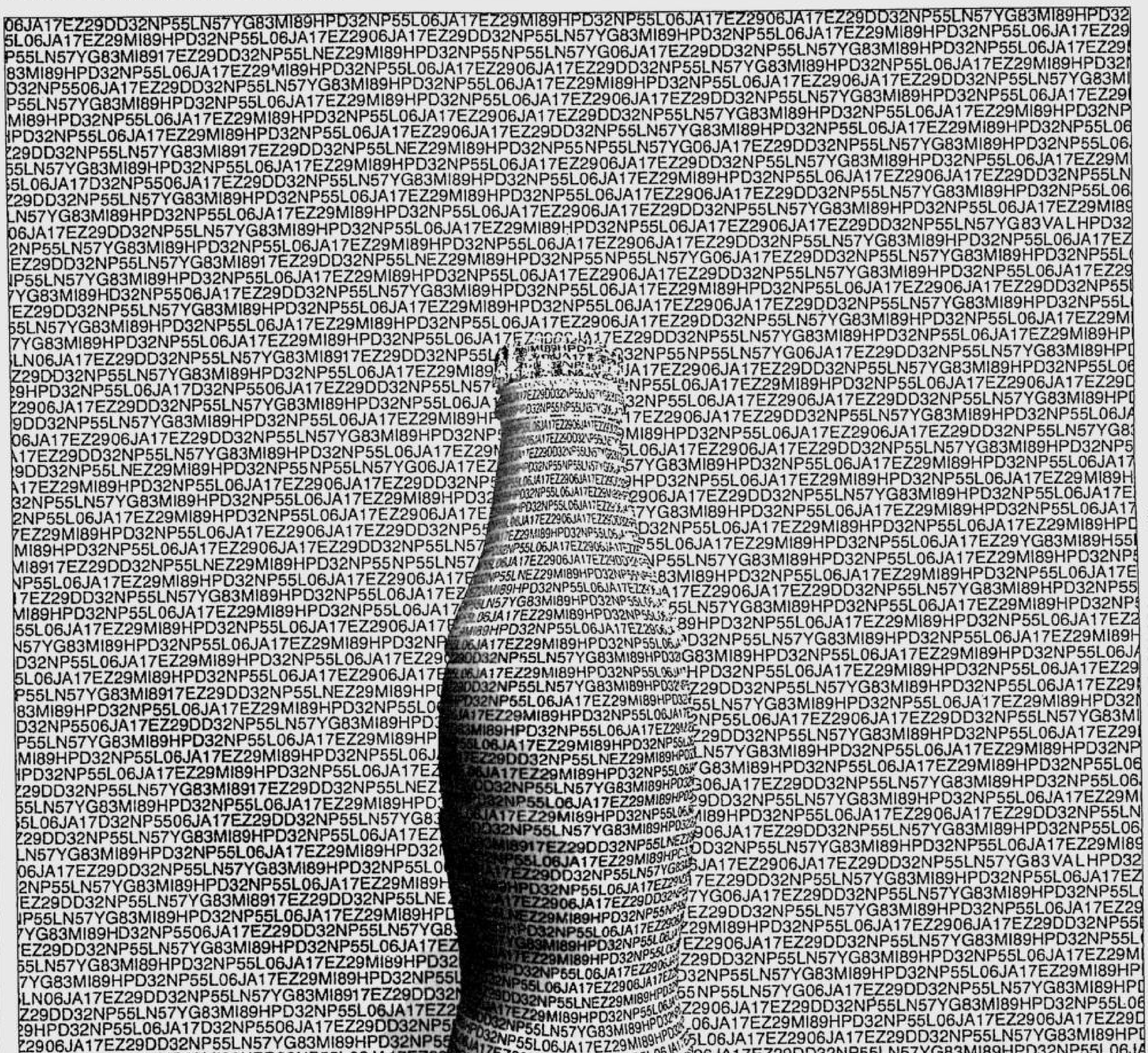

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# Amazing

**SPECTATOR**

*Al S. Mendoza*

HAD a Game 8 been held, Shark Energy Drink would still have beaten Welcoat Paints. No, not beaten but eaten Welcoat Paints alive.

That is, if Welcoat would repeat the Game 7 performance it so terribly dished out yesterday.

To be brutally frank, yesterday's winner-take-all match was nothing but a case of Welcoat losing, if not forgetting, everything it learned about how to play basketball.

It forgot about offense.

It forgot about defense.

It forgot about teamwork.

As a result, the expected endgame thriller did not materialize as Shark ripped Welcoat apart in an improbable 67-54 rout to win the PBL Challenge Cup, 4 games to 3.

Yancy de Ocampo, Welcoat's 6-foot-9 demon in the paint, kept forcing his shots.

Ren Ren Ritualo, Welcoat's dead shot from afar, had only blanks to fire yesterday. Pathetically, the series MVP, averaging 18 a game, had only 7 yesterday.

And Welcoat's other noted triple shot artists, like Eugene Tan, Celino Cruz, Anton Villoria and Jojo Manalo, had duds instead of bombs.

This was Game 7, fellas. Everything must go, as in a fire sale.

Yet, suddenly, only one among 18 men fielded in from both sides had a loaded shotgun. That was 6-foot-flat Roger Yap, Shark's sharpest for the day, who unloaded a game-high 22 points to win the Finals MVP plum running away. Two of his three triples helped trigger Shark's fourth-quarter breakaway.

But Yap's teammates were not to be denied.

Ryzal Castro, the 6-foot-6 FEU Tamaraw, had 20. Many of those points hastened Welcoat's downfall. And then Warren Ybañez, the smallest at 5-foot-7, uncorked a brilliant relief job for the foul-troubled Michael "Topex" Robinson, Olongapo's recent contribution to big-time basketball.

That Shark suddenly went back to its debilitating running game was a stunning, if not an amazing, departure from Leo Austria's almost signature deliberate offense in many of its previous victories.

Austria's run-and-attack style completely caught Welcoat by surprise. The Paintmasters were not ready for it and disintegrated like a pile of empty boxes assembled in the junk shop.

Shark's total domination of Welcoat, winner of the PBL's last three conferences, was typified by Robinson's slash of a drive at the height of the Power Boosters' runaway fourth quarter. The 5-foot-8 Robinson was unfazed against Welcoat's skyline, completing his zigzagging drive with a left-handed layup. That sort of sapped whatever energy was left of Welcoat.

From a badly-beaten runner-up the last time around to a champion worthy of its calling.

Here's to Shark, the brand-new power in Philippine basketball.

## COMEBACK WIN

# Shark bags PBL crown

By Dennis U. Eroa

SHARK Energy Drink wrote a magical finish yesterday to an amazing, memorable campaign with a ruthless 67-54 victory over Welcoat Paints to win the PBL Challenge Cup at the Makati Coliseum.

Hardly given a chance at the start of the best-of-seven championship series against title-laden Welcoat, Shark thrashed the cynics by displaying steely nerves and hearts as huge as its appetite for destruction.

"I would like to thank the Almighty for this wonderful gift," said an ecstatic Shark coach Leo Austria. "We did not stop trying. I also would like to thank coach Junel (Baculi) for making the series exciting."

Austria won his first PBL title in three years of coaching, the first two as head coach of the now-defunct Chowking. Backed up by a competed coaching staff composed of Jing Ruiz, Dayong Mendoza and Jun Galabin, he steered Shark to the finals in its rookie conference but lost, 0-4, to Welcoat in the Chairman's Cup last year.

"I cannot describe my feelings right now," said team owner Raul Panlilio, who, with team manager Jesse Chua, finally tasted a championship.

Shark surrendered the first two games and all signs pointed to another Welcoat sweep after that. But fortunes started to change when the Power Boosters halted the Paintmasters' string of 12 straight wins with a 65-50 win in Game 3.

"I would like to congratulate Shark for the victory. It deserves the title," said coach Junel Baculi inside the gloomy Welcoat dugout. "We lost control early."

Playing in his final game in the PBL before joining Purefoods in the pros, Roger Yap emerged anew as the biggest thorn in Welcoat's bid for a fourth consecutive plum.

The six-footer Yap scattered 22 points, including 12 in the third period but it was the awesome perimeter game of Ryzal Castro and the masterful execution of Shark's plays by Michael Robinson which bloodied Welcoat in the final quarter.

**SHARK** mentor Leo Austria raises his fists in triumph as (from left) Michael Robinson, Erwin Velez, Egay Echavez, Irvin Sotto, assistant coach Dayong Mendoza and skipper Jing Rodriguez join in the celebration. JESS YUSON

The 6-foot-6 Castro made Yancy de Ocampo pay dearly for his token defense outside the paint, gunning seven of his 20 points in the fourth period, mostly from 10 feet and beyond.

To complete his day, Castro completed a three-point play off the sixth and final foul of De Ocampo, giving the Power Boosters a 63-54 cushion, 1:27 left.

Robinson had six assists but it was Yap's alley-oop pass to Chester Tolomia which appeared to have broken the will of the Paintmasters, 55-50, 6:04 left.

Gunner Ren Ren Ritualo had a miserable night with seven points as he failed to find his bearing in the face of Robinson's tireless defense

Ritualo's anemic shooting ( 2 of 8 FG) can also be attributed to the failure of his teammates to set picks. with the ball going to Anton Villoria and Jojo Manalo most of the time.

Villoria, also pro-bound (Red Bull), even fared worst with a 5-of-15 shooting from the field, while Manalo had but only three points. The 6-foot-9 De Ocampo had eight, falling prey to Shark's swarming defense underneath.

Brandon Sison starred as Welcoat started with a 6-0 bomb.

But Shark was undaunted and soon found itself battling Welcoat toe-to-toe before speeding to victory with a fired-up performance in the fourth quarter.

**Scores:**

**SHARK 67**—Yap 22, Castro 20, Tolomia 10, Ortega 6, Malabanan 4, Robinson 3, Ybañez 2, Sotto 0, Rodriguez 0.

**WELCOAT 54**—Villoria 13, Tan 11, Sison 10, De Ocampo 8, Ritualo 7, Manalo 3, Pamintuan 2, Cruz 0, Patrimonio 0.

Quarters:11-13, 21-26, 49-47, 67-54.

# MAD motocross slated

THE THRILLING sport of motocross makes it debut this year with the staging of the first leg of the MAD (Mamamayan Ayaw sa Droga) National Motocross Super Series 2001 at the Block 56 Cepa near Gate 1 in Fort Bonifacio on March 3.

Defending champion Glen Aguilar and Kenneth San Andres head the list of national riders vying in this 12-part series organized by Hartebeest Entertainment Corp. in cooperation with Hartebeest marketing manager Marilen Nuñez, who also lauded the participation of MAD, which regularly promotes sports activities as part of its anti-drug campaign.

Nuñez said 16 categories, including the newly introduced Yamaha 4-stroke class, will be staged this year.

Aguilar defeated seven-time champion Jovie Saulog and crowd favorite Ernie Leongson in one of the most exciting battles for motocross supremacy last year.

The former basketball player-turned-motocross rider, who trained extensively in the United States under the Shell-Yamaha Racing Team in 1997, rallied from a 13-point deficit in the final leg to beat Saulog in the pro open category.

Aside from Saulog and Leongson, Aguilar's chief rivals this year are Popeye Rubi, Bebet dela Cruz, and 1999 PLDT-Petron motocross champion Jing Leongson.

San Andres asserted his supremacy in the mini category. The 12-year-old pride of Valenzuela City is unbeaten in his age bracket for six straight years now.

For details, call Hartebeest Entertainment Corp. at tel. nos. 723-8896 and 725-2484.

# San Mig guns for 4-0 card

**GAMES TODAY** *(Araneta Coliseum)*
4.15 p.m. - Mobiline vs Ginebra
6:30 p.m. – SMB vs Tanduay

By Marc Anthony Reyes

WHO'S going to stop rampaging league-leader San Miguel Beer?

Tanduay Gold gets to answer that when it crosses paths at 6:30 p.m. today with SMB in the PBA All-Filipino Cup at the Araneta Coliseum.

However, the Rhummasters' ability to respond well against the unbeaten Beermen is highly in doubt on account of having a lineup made up of newly acquired players who have yet to blend as one unit.

Barangay Ginebra guns for a third win against Mobiline in the other game at 4:15 p.m. The Gin Kings can join the leaders with a win and improve their 2-2 card against the struggling Phone Pals (1-2).

Frontliners Bong Hawkins, Noli Locsin and Bonel Balingit can certainly rival that of other teams but they still have to jell with mainstays Dondon Hontiveros, Jason Webb and Jeffrey Cariaso.

Unfortunately, Tanduay will be up against a team known for its cohesion, considering that the San Miguel crew has been together for the past two years, winning four titles in that span.

### NBA results

Philadelphia 108, LA Clippers 93; New York 114, New Jersey 104; Orlando 108, Houston 93; LA Lakers 99, Charlotte 94; San Antonio 91, Minnesota 85; Sacramento 117, Denver 84; Vancouver 92, Golden State 79.
*AP*

## SPORTS ON TV

Compiled By Lorenzo Manguiat

**BASKETBALL:** NBA Inside Stuff at 7:30 a.m. (r) on Star Sports

US NCAA - Providence Friars vs Boston College Eagles at 8 a.m., Miami Hurricanes vs Villanova Wildcats at 10 a.m. on ESPN

Chinese National Basketball League, Semifinals at 11:30 a.m. (r) on Star Sports

**GOLF:** PGA Buick Invitational, Day Three at 1 p.m. on Star Sports

LPGA Cup 'O Noodles Hawaiian Ladies Open, Final Round at 5 p.m. (delayed) on ESPN

Golfglobe 2001 at 5 p.m. on Star Sports

**BOXING:** Walcot-Charles: The Trilogy at 12 noon (r) on ESPN

Friday Night Fights at 11 p.m. on ESPN

**TENNIS:** ATP Sybase Open San, Semifinals at 6 p.m. on Star Sports

ATP Tennis Show at 7:30 p.m. on ESPN

**WRESTLING:** WWF Metal at 9:30.a.m. (r) on Star Sports

# Bank backing Centennial II

LGT Bank in Liechtenstein, one of the leading specialists in private banking, will be supporting the campaign of Centennial II in the President's Cup Regatta 2001 slated Feb. 19-24.

The LGT Bank Centennial is the defending champion after having won in 1999 and 2000.

The previous winnings of the Centennial yacht from Subic Bay Yacht Club outside of the Thomas Lipton Challenge Cup for 1997-1998 includes the Raja Muda Regatta in Malaysia, Phuket Kings Cup in Thailand and the Singapore Straits Regatta, and the China Sea Inshore Series in 2000.

# Mandaluyong derby Tuesday

WITH derby hosts Boy de Orca, Danny Ty and Boy Garcia actively campaigning for the past two months, the "BL BG Showdown 6-Cock Derby" will definitely push through this Tuesday and Thursday at the Mandaluyong Coliseum.

The event, sponsored by Sagupaan Super Feeds and Lakpue Drug Inc., will have its submission of weights tomorrow, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Providing full support are Ucap stalwarts Danding Cojuangco, Pete Rodriguez, Butch Macasaet, Joey delos Santos, Patrick Antonio, Biboy Enriquez, Mauro Prieto, Raymond Velayo, Mario Villamor, Pepito Ngo, Tony Tan, engineer Sonny Lagon, lawyer Ram Lopez, Vic Yu, Boyboy Roa, Mayor Claudy Bautista, Tony Litonjua, Jet Fernando, Ramon Mencenares, Ting Ariosa, Tito Reyes, Esting Teopaco, Capt. Ben Rodriguez, Blandy Tolentino, Pol Estrellado, Alex Tang and Wakee Salud.

Also seeing action are several NCA cockers and guest participants like Jun Aguila of Batangas, Carding Ng, Jess Lapuz of Cavite, Lito Bustos, Naldo Paulino of Bulacan and William Co.

Meanwhile, the second "Sabado Night 4-Cock Derby" is slated on Feb. 24 hosted by Rick Sarmiento. The "5th Ucap/BJ Greenwood 6-Cock Derby," with Ucap president Butch Macasaet and Joey delos Santos as hosts, is set on Feb. 27 and March 1.

## PRESIDENT'S CUP

# PLDT race kicks off regatta

THE PLDT Race, a series of in-shore races within Manila Bay for all the competing classes, kicks off the 9th President's Cup regatta this Tuesday with 21 boats entered excluding the Hobie class.

Defending open racing champion Subic Centennial leads four other boats in this category, including contenders Karakoa of Ray Ordoveza and Neil Pryde's Hi-Fidelity. Three boats are entered in the ocean cruising class, seven each in the cruiser racer and the PYS cruising classes.

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, the 40-mile Manila Yacht Club to Nasugbu Bay Nokia Race will be held, while on Feb. 22, the event will be the Maya Maya Races and the competition for the eight Hobie 16 and toppers.

On Friday, Feb. 23, the boats will see action in the Club Punta Fuego Races, also in Nasugbu Bay and on the last racing day, Saturday, Feb. 24, it will be the Nasugbu Bay to Manila Yacht Club James L. Gordon Sr. Race in honor of the late father of present DOT Secretary Richard Gordon.

"Winds are looking quite good as there is a high pressure area from China-Mongolia moving down and this has intensified the northeast monsoon winds or the Amihan. This is certainly welcome news for the participants who are all praying for winds during the regatta," said Ordoveza, chair of the organizing committee of the event backed by PLDT and Nokia.

Meanwhile, all the entries will undergo scrutiny by race officials on Monday, after which the sailors will have a practice race just before the skippers' briefing at the Manila Yacht Club which is organizing the event supported by resort sponsors Club Punta Fuego, Maya Maya Yacht Club, and the Taal Lake Yacht Club.

# German gov't gives boost to RP football program

THE GERMAN government, through the German Development Cooperation (GTZ), has recently extended P333,767.50 as financial aid to Kasibulan 6-12 in addition to the 160 Adidas footballs given last year.

The donation is in conjunction with the four-year German-Philippine Football Development Project which started in 1999.

Bernd Fischer, German football development expert, represented the German Development Cooperation (GTZ) in turning over the check to Juan Miguel Romualdez, chair of Kasibulan 6-12 at the Kasibulan office at the Philsports Complex in Pasig City.

Kasibulan 6-12, the Grassroots Development Program of the Philippine Football Federation, was recently cited by the Philippine Sportswriters Association (PSA) during its recent awards night at the Holiday Inn Manila "for undertaking a nationwide program to develop and discover young football talents."

**ROMUALDEZ** (right) receiving the financial assistance.

## RACING TIPS

AT SAN LAZARO By Mr. 999

Race 1—1. Miss New York 2. Triple Joy 3. Waw 4. Charmingly Chit
Race 2—1. Mighty Warrior 2. Sham Sham 3. Traktora
Race 3—1. Key to Heaven/Plus Factor 2. Nobel Prize 3. Altron 4. Sukiyaki Blues
Race 4—1. Precious Time 2. Houdini 3. Gold Mark
Race 5—1. High Roller 2. Sun City 3. Sunny Contender 4. Coventina
Race 6—1. Clear Night Sky 2. Petitioner 3. Nyora Aiding
Race 7—1. Forest Dancer 2. Star of Arabia/Prince Camran 3. Peewee
Race 8—1. Mark's Treasure 2. Truthful Lady
Race 9—1. Snake Prince 2. Kala Star 3. Fire Mouth 4. Marvy's Magic
Race 10—1. Bulwak 2. Raise A Fire 3. Legitimo
Race 11—1. Primero de Mayo 2. Bravada 3. Daylaimee 4. Samahan
Race 12—1. Sweet Lover 2. Secret Quest 3. Tiger Eye
Race 13—1. Super Regent 2. Magic Fingers 3. Kontra Todo/Fiesta 4. Katya

# Telebetting at MJC

**ONE WINNER**

*Edwin Villanueva*

TALKS about that War General incident at the Santa Ana Park simply refuse to die.

You go to San Lazaro or Santa Ana and it's everybody's topic be it at the stables, owners' box, jockeys' quarters and the many streets surrounding both racetracks.

It's also every *karerista's* favorite discussion these days all over Metro Manila's known *karera* bailiwicks such as Balic-Balic in Sampaloc, Espana, Galas, Lealtad, Kamuning, Proj. 8, Proj. 6, Cubao, Pandacan, Paco, Novaliches, Baclaran, etc.

Calls for the Philippine Racing Club and Philippine Racing Commission to issue an immediate explanation as to what really transpired during that Jan. 26 meeting remain unanswered up to now.

Reader Leonardo Lazaro, of 42-A Pisces St., Carmel 5 Subd., T. Sora, Quezon City, was among the thousands of racing fans who were "fooled" by that incident and here's his comments on that:

"*Kasamang* Edwin, halos 30 *taon na akong nangangarera pero ngayon lang ako nakaranas ng insidenteng gaya kay* War General.

*Dahil sa kabobohang iyon, alam kong di lamang ako ang nadismaya kundi pati na ang libu-libong ordinaryong karerista sa buong Pilipinas.*

*Wala din lamang sa* Dividendazo *ang pangalan ni* War General *sa* Race 8 *noong* Jan. 26, *e di sana ay di na ito pinayagang itakbo o kaya pina-* scratch *na lang.*

*Kaso nagpumilit pa ang* Santa Ana *na i-*announce *na tatakbo ito kaya tuloy litung lito ang mga di nakakuha ng maagang impormasyon na isasali nga ito.*

*Kasamang* Edwin, *parang nadukutan nang walang kalaban laban ang mga karerista na na napatanga na lang matapos talunin ni* War General ang sobrang liyamadong Alexander sa karerang yon.

*Nasaan ang proteksyon ng bayang karerista sa mga insidenteng gaya nun? Nasaan ang* Philippine Racing Commission *na dapat ay siyang kumikilos upang maiwasan ang mga bagay na maglalagay sa mga mananaya sa di mabuting sitwasyon?*

*Ano na ang ginawa ng management ng* Santa Ana *ukol sa pangyayaring iyon?*

*Lahat pong iyan ay dapat masagot ng mga may kinauukulan. Kawawa naman po ang mga karerista.*

*Maraming salamat sa pagbibigay daan mo sa kaunting mga mungkahi ko* and *more power* to your widely read racing column.

Leonardo Lazaro

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**As its five-racing day-a-week program starts to heat up, the Manila Jockey Club, Inc. continues to improve its facilities and services to the racing public.**

**In preparation for a nationwide racing program, the MJCI, through the efforts of EVP/CEO Rev Reverente and manager Rudy Prado, recently launched its telebet operation to enable *kareristas* to bet on their favorite horses wherever they are.**

**My friend Boy Valdes said the marketing department of the MJCI is still accepting telebet applications with a minimum deposit of P5,000 and interested parties may call 7111251 to 60 local 143.**

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The complaints have started pouring in but the Philracom as well as the Santa Ana Park management are still unable to provide a clear explanation to the bayang *karerista* regarding that War General fiasco.

Since that incident involved the Dividendazo, why don't the disgraced Philracom administration formed under the Estrada administration and the Santa Ana management print their clarification on the widely patronized racing program?

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To my fellow *kareristas*, you can also reach us at evillanueva@inquirer.com.ph or sports@inquirer.com.ph. This space is for you!

## Top seed Tracy wins

TOP seed Tracy Bautista outplayed Christine Ulalan, 6-1, 6-3, and second pick Katrina Pamintuan downed Rizza delos Reyes, 6-2, 6-4, yesterday to reach the girls' 16-under quarterfinals in the Philta Junior Tennis Classic 1 at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Center.

*Sunday* **SPORTS**

AL S. MENDOZA, Editor EDWIN M. VILLANUEVA, Assistant Editor

## Hingis, Williams advance

DOHA, Qatar—Top seed Martina Hingis of Switzerland beat Joannette Kruger of South Africa in straight sets Friday to advance to the semifinals of the $ 170,000 Qatar Open. In France, Venus Williams reached the semifinals of the Terazura WTA Tour tennis open. *AP*

### JOHN HAY OPEN

# Sinfuego, Japanese lead

BY ROY LUARCA

BAGUIO CITY—Richard Sinfuego is no stranger to being the first round leader, especially at Camp John Hay.

Duplicating his opening day leadership in his pro debut in the 1997 Philippine Open here, Sinfuego stringed three birdies en route to a three-under-par 65 yesterday, putting him abreast of Japanese flightmate Tonokazu Yoshinaga in the Camp John Hay Open.

"I hope to sustain my performance up to the end," said Sinfuego, who eventually placed sixth in that RP Open. "I'm dying to score my first win after three runner-up finishes."

Yielding to the whims of the up-and-down pine tree-lined layout, Sinfuego had a roller-coaster round, putting in an eight-foot eagle on No. 8 where he and Yoshinaga teed off, sinking six birdies, including three straight from No. 1, but had five bogeys for nines of 32-35.

"The greens are fast and won't bite," rued Sinfuego, who three-putted thrice. "It's harder now than in 1997."

Yoshinaga was steadier, making an eagle on the 12th, birdieing 10th and 17th against a lone missed-green bogey on the ninth. "I'm used to these greens back home," said the 23-year-old Yoshinaga, a Kyusho native who emerged top qualifier for the local Professional Golf Tour at Eastridge two weeks ago.

**Scores:**

65— T. Yoshinaga; R. Sinfuego
66—R. Brobio
67—R. Cabajar, M. Siodina
68—R. Alo, V. Sanlia, R. Abaring, E. Estrera, R. Gibson, N. Kempis
69—R. Alit, L. Rempojo, C. Villaroman
70—J. Abad, E. Sanchez
71—B. Magada A. Balan, M. Manubay, R. Pactolerin, R. Pagunsan, M. Pucay, E. Salvador

SINFUEGO

## Bill Shaw in Golf Power

GOLF Power today on IBC-13 features the conclusion of the two-part 12th Bill Shaw Memorial Golf Tournament held recently at Wack Wack starting 3 p.m. The tournament included a women's division this year. It is hosted by Philippine Sportswriters Association major awardee for amateur golf Gerard Cantada. The show is produced by Joe Cantada Sports and is sponsored by Cebu Pacific and Outback Steakhouse.

## Corporate Cup set in Boracay

BORACAY'S appeal has drawn a strong commitment from *balikbayan* teams for the 13th staging of the Corporate Cup golf championships which will be hosted by the world-famous Fairways and Bluewater Resort Golf and Country Club.

Teams from San Francisco, Guam, Hawaii and Vancouver are joining the regular event and the seniors version of the Corporate Cup which will be held in two separate weeks. Senior teams will play on Feb. 27-28 and the regular squads on March 6-7.

Providing major support to the event as principal presenters are the GP Barnes Group of Companies, the Fil-Estate Group of Companies and the Fairways and Bluewater Resort Golf and Country Club.

Major sponsors are San Miguel Beer, Premier Wine and Spirits, Inc. and Northwest Airlines.

Registration is now ongoing at the Corporate Cup Golf Foundation, Inc. office at Unit 119, Fourth Floor Tower Ground of the Makati Cinema Square Complex with tel. nos. 811-1222 or 811-1230. Entry fee is P25,000 for a team of five inclusive of giveaways, free practice rounds and attractive tournament and raffle prizes.

Teams will be classified according to their average handicaps with those having 0-9.9 in Group I, 10-13.99 in Group III and 19 and above in Group IV.

The two Corporate Cup events are actually being staged in between the seniors and regular events of the PAL Interclub, giving foreign participants the chance to take a quick sidetrip to one of the country's premier tourist destinations.

It is for this reason, according to CCGFI chair Cecil Hechanova, that they are adopting the theme Welcome to the new Philippines: Golfing in the real Boracay.

## Rotary at Midlands

THE ROTARY Club of Greenmeadows will hold its 10th Rotary World Golf Fellowship Invitational (RWGFI) on Feb. 23 at Tagaytay Midlands. Twice past team champions RC Lipa, Biak na Bato, and East Rizal are expected to put up strong teams in their bids to win a third time to take permanent possession of the coveted Greenmeadows Cup. A P500,000 hole-in-one cash prize is offered by Seaboard Eastern Insurance while major sponsor and co-sponsors are Fortune Tobacco Corp. and Uni-Orient Travel Inc. The event's hole sponsors are San Miguel Corp., ACS Manufacturing Corp., Mercedes Benz, Guys and Dolls, CATS Motors Inc., Rudy Project, Henry Tsai, Henry Tanedo, Mariano Ho, etc. Proceeds of the event will go to the construction and operation of the proposed Youth Skills Training Center of the RC Greenmeadows Foundation and various other socio-civic projects.

## Durant 3 shots up

LA QUINTA, California — Joe Durant was so frustrated trying to play golf for a living that he quit the game to sell insurance. Luckily for him, he turned out to be even worse at selling than he had been at playing golf. Durant's decision to return to golf paid more dividends Friday when he shot a 67 to take a three-shot lead over Paul Stankowski through three rounds of the Bob Hope Classic. The 5-under round was the worst yet this week for Durant, who shot a 61 a day earlier. But he kept the same lead he started the day with, with two rounds to go in the 90-hole tournament. *AP*

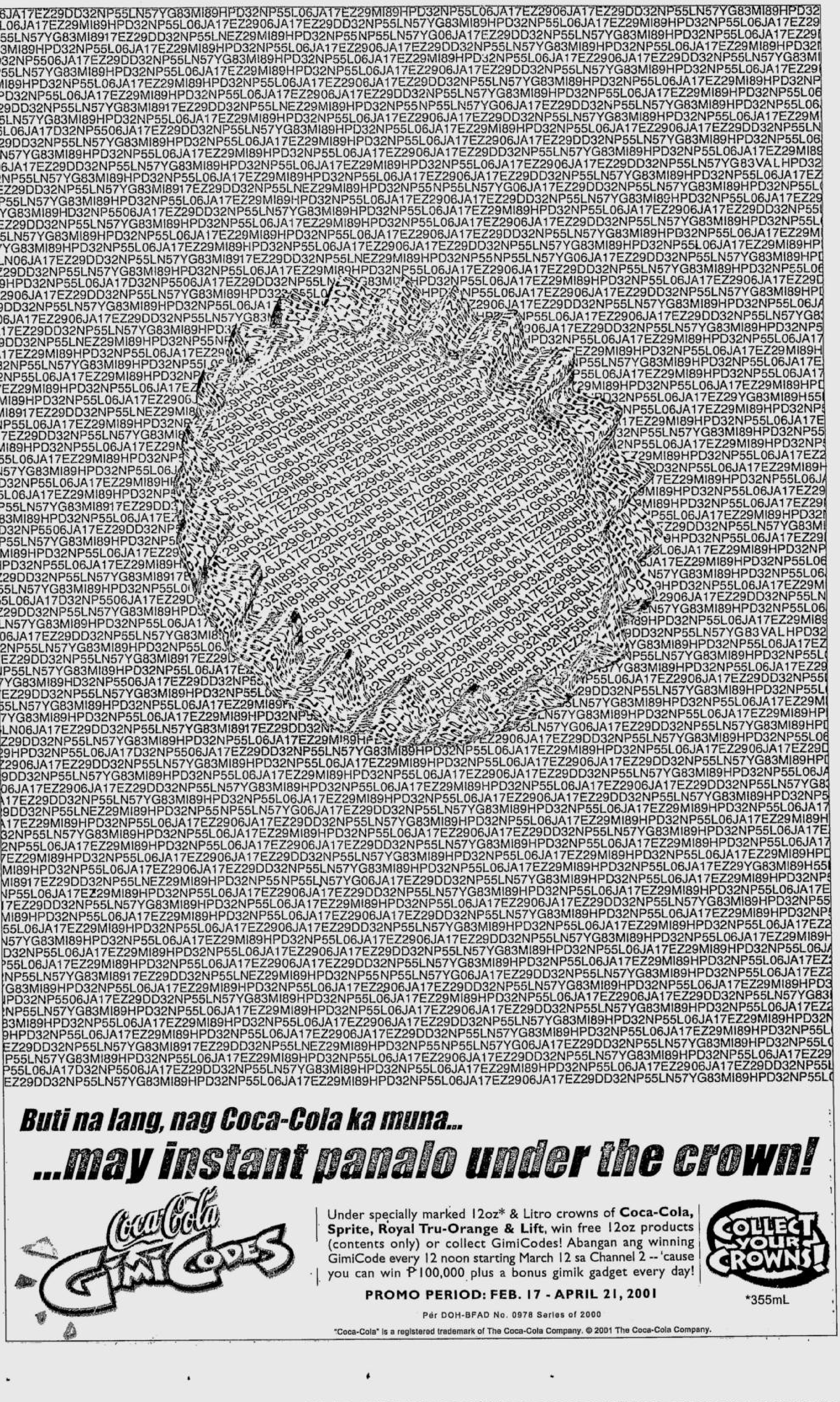
## *Heroes seen in 'Summit'*

PHILIPPINE Sports Commission Chair Carlos D. Tuason expects the First Mindanao Sports Summit opening in Davao City tomorrow to serve as a catalyst in the emergence of a new generation of sports heroes and heroines from the region.

"Mindanao has been a rich breeding ground of talents in the past, producing some of our outstanding athletes over the years," said Tuason. "We believe that the Sports Summit will be a vehicle in accelerating this development."

Among the former standouts that Tuason cited who all came from Mindanao were former track star Mona Sulaiman, once hailed as Asia's fastest woman, javelin thrower Erlinda Lavandia and swimmer Jairulla Jaitulla.

As one of its major objectives, the summit is expected to lay the groundwork for the hosting of the first-ever Mindanao Friendship Games.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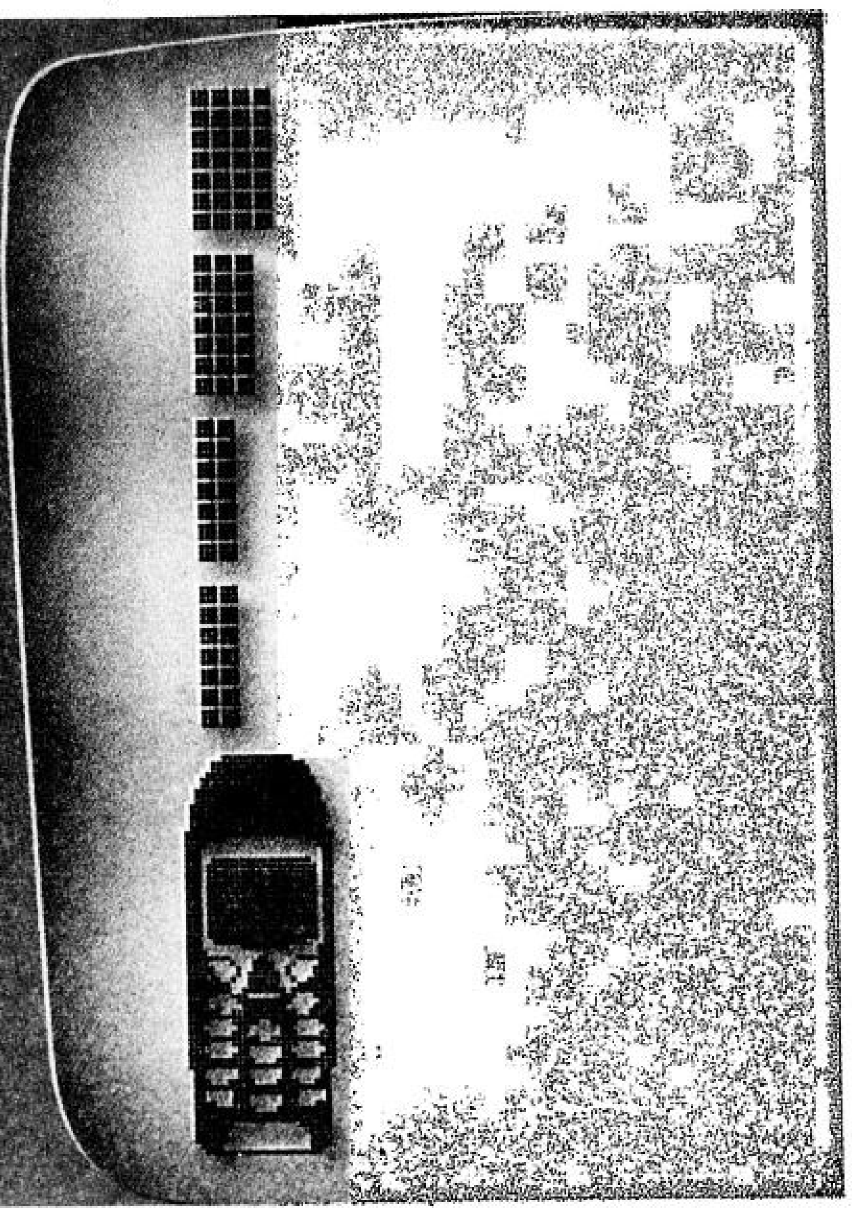

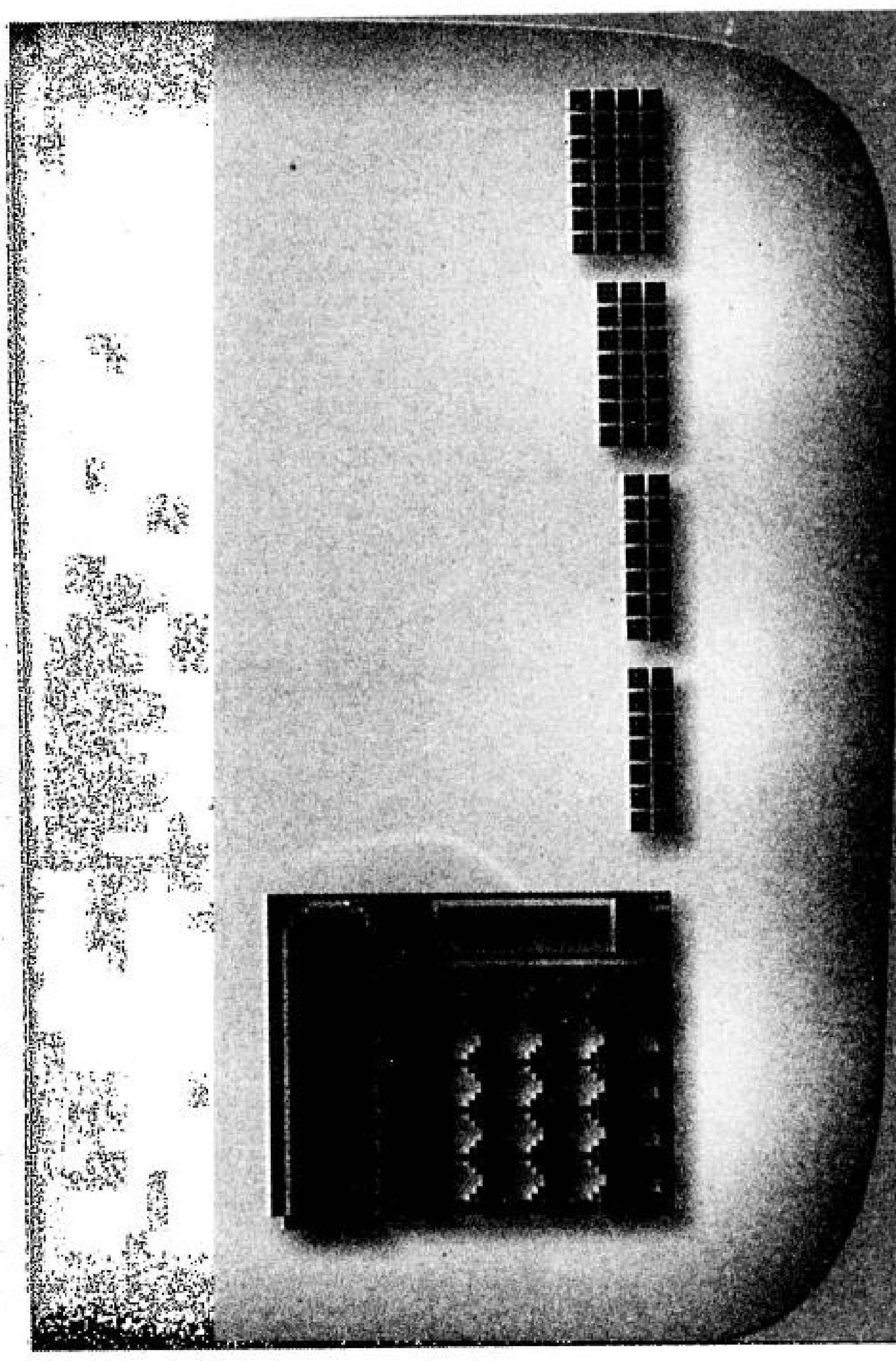

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**Student slain in UP rumble** A22

**Stabbed dead for complaining about 'pulutan'** A22

# 14 aliens nabbed for stock fraud

**POLICE arrested 14 foreigners, from Britain, Canada, Italy, the Czech Republic and Ireland, as part of an investigation into fraudulent stock sales, authorities said yesterday.**

Police Supt. Nestor Gualberto said police arrested the 14 for working without permits on Friday and accused their employer of running a telemarketing operation to fraudulently sell hundreds of thousands of dollars in stock.

He said the company operated without a Philippine Stock Exchange license and sold false Philippine stock ownership papers to citizens of English speaking nations worldwide.

He said police are looking for at least three people who allegedly ran the operation under aliases and suspect they may be among those detained.

None of the detainees have been charged.

"We are waiting for a representative of one of the victims to identify them," Gualberto said.

He said one victim, a South African furni-

14 ALIENS/ A22

MARKETING SKILLS always at work, "Aling" Bihing tends to her stall. JOAN BONDOC

TALES OF THE CITY

# Market vendor reaps fruits of her labors

By Maricris Irene V. Tamolang

EDUVIGES Guevarra, market vendor for 48 years, is a softie, even when she seems hardened. But when the going gets tough, she has been known to ward off the blows, with a little help from her friends.

One hard blow came

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# This time, Left determined to win in mainstream politics

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

JUST three years ago, 30-something militant mass leader Nat Santiago would have laughed off as unthinkable any suggestion that he run for public office.

Now Santiago is seriously considering running for councilor in Caloocan City in the May elections.

After more than a decade, the Left is coming out in full force to join mainstream politics. They are joining not only the party-list system of getting elected into the House of Representatives but are also fielding a handful of candidates in the local elections.

Their line-up is composed of veteran mass leaders and labor leaders, including former National Democratic Front spokesman Satur Ocampo, Kilusang Mayo Uno chair Crispin Beltran and Gabriela leader Liza Masa as party-list nominees of Bayan Muna;

Labor leader and Sanlakas party list Rep. Renato Magtubo, labor leaders Victor Briz and Jerry Rivera, as party list nominees of the newly formed Partido ng Manggagawa;

activist lawyer JV Bautista, labor leader Wilson Fortaleza and Milda Lagman-Sevilla, sister of slain labor leader Filemon "Popoy" Lagman, as party list nominees of Sanlakas.

Unlike their disastrous first venture in elections in 1987 following the first People Power revolt, the Left this time is determined to win.

Santiago, former leader of the multisectoral Bagong Alyansang Makabayan and now secretary general of the political party Bayan Muna, said their participation in the elections is "long overdue."

"After Edsa, we see that the parliament of the streets has grown strong," he said. "So it is long overdue for us to take the struggle to the electoral arena."

The Left first joined the elections in 1987, thinking that the people's successful overthrowing of the Marcos would pave the way for alternative politics.

# Student slain in UP rumble

By Philip C. Tubeza

A 17-YEAR-OLD high school student was shot dead in a rumble between two street gangs on the University of the Philippines campus in Diliman, Quezon City during the school's annual fair yesterday morning.

Jay T. Esto, a Balara High School freshman and resident of Daang Tubo Street, UP Campus, Diliman, was shot in the left chest and the left leg with a homemade shotgun or "sumpak," SPO4 Mar Castillo said.

Police arrested two 16-year-old members of the "Midnight Guys," one of whom told the INQUIRER that it was a certain Arnold Militon alias "Tanono" who shot Esto.

One of the arrested boys said he and his companion were at the fair when a certain Warlito "Baba" Avendano, a senior gang member, ordered them to reinforce their gangmates who had gone after Esto's group.

"I don't know why Warlito wanted to fight Esto's group but we responded to the call," the boy told the INQUIRER.

Esto and his friends came from a concert at the Sunken Garden and were walking along Regidor Street near the Narra Residence Hall when rival gang members caught up and began stoning them about 1:40 a.m. yesterday, SPO4 Castillo said.

When Esto's group retaliated by throwing back the stones, Militon allegedly pulled out his *sumpak* and shot Esto, police said.

Esto was taken to the UP Infirmary where he died at about 2 a.m., Castillo said.

One of the arrested boys said that after the shooting, he and his companion went back to the fair grounds and collected softdrink and beer cans until 4 a.m.

Later that morning, UP police arrested the two boys in their houses. Police also went to Militon's house but failed to find him there.

# Imelda 'inspires' shoemakers

By Blanche S. Rivera

LOCAL officials of Marikina City, the shoe capital of the Philippines, hailed former first lady Imelda Marcos for being an "inspiration" for the country's finest shoemakers as Asia's first shoe museum was formally opened in the city Friday.

The Footwear Museum, conceptualized by the city's first lady Marides Fernando, featured 200 pairs of Marcos' vast shoe collection along with footwear of other government officials like President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, former vice president Emmanuel Pelaez, senators Loren Legarda, Miriam Defensor-Santiago, Gregorio Honasan, Rene Cayetano and Juan Flavier.

The elegant Marcos, whose 3,000 pairs of shoes earned both amused and angry criticisms all over the world, graced the event in her usual pink dress and silver pair of shoes.

"Mrs. Marcos deserves a high place not only in this museum but in the memory of our people," Marikina Mayor Bayani Fernando said in a statement.

He said the city owed its fame to the premier blue lady who has "inspired our shoe manufacturers to come up with the best (footwear)."

He further said it was the former first lady, many of whose shoes were gifts from Marikina during the Marcos family's 20-year reign, who virtually promoted the city's products and helped shoemakers "break into the world market."

The shoes on exhibit at the museum were among the 1,220 pairs found in Malacañang in 1986 after the Marcoses were overthrown from power by a bloodless revolt and were flown into exile in Hawaii.

Malacañang, with the permission of Mrs. Marcos, turned over the 200 pairs to the Marikina City government, and agreed to put them on display, plus other footwear and terno from the recent personal collection of Mrs. Marcos.

The two-story Footwear Museum is located on JP Rizal Street in Barangay Roque and will be open to all visitors free of charge.

# Cell phone snatcher shot by victim

By Jerome Aning

A MAN was shot in the back by a rookie policeman whose cell phone he and his group snatched in Sampaloc, Manila on Friday night.

Marlon Gutierrez, single, a resident of a slum at the Manila North Cemetery in La Loma, Quezon City, was hit twice in the back and is in critical condition at the Philippine General Hospital, police said.

PO1 Jason Fernandez of the Western Police District's Station 5 said he was sending text messages through his cell phone while waiting for a jeepney at the corner of España and Tolentino streets when Gutierrez and three other men surrounded him at about 9 p.m. Friday.

Fernandez, who was in civilian clothes and was on his way home, said one of the men grabbed his Nokia 6150 mobile phone and then the men scattered in different directions.

Fernandez identified himself as a policeman and shouted at them to stop, but they continued to run.

He caught up with Gutierrez, who then turned around and allegedly attacked Fernandez with a knife, he said.

# Solon's medical trust fund gives Caviteños free care

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A FIRST-TERM congressman from Cavite has devised a systematic way of dealing with the medical requirements of his indigent constituents.

In 1999, Rep. Ayong Maliksi entrusted P10 million of his countryside development fund to the Philippine General Hospital in Manila where, with only referrals from his office, poor Caviteños get immediate and free medical treatment including major surgeries.

PGH records said that as of December 2000 or two years after its operation, Maliksi's medical trust fund had spent more than P6.3 million on 3,085 beneficiaries from District II of Cavite.

Maliksi said the equivalent medical costs, deducted from the trust fund as they came along, included expenses for consultation and treatment that may cover major operations, medicines and doctor's fees.

Maliksi said he has permanently assigned one of his staff to the hospital precisely to handle the paper work needed before the patient is given the appropriate treatment.

Additional information on how Caviteños can avail themselves of Maliksi's medical trust fund may be obtained at tel. nos. (046) 471-2646 and (046) 502-0775.

# 'Kidnapped' Japanese safe, say cops

By Jerome Aning

THE THREE Japanese tourists whom a cab driver claimed were abducted by men passing themselves off as police officers were found safe and sound in a hotel in Ermita, Manila yesterday.

Western Police District director Chief Supt. Avelino Razon Jr., said cab driver Joel Dula was mistaken when he reported that men claiming to be policemen blocked his cab and forced tourists Ito Takashi, Hirotoshio Abe and Noburo Okamoto to board an Isuzu Highlander (WGX-258) about 1 a.m. Tuesday.

Dula reported the alleged abduction to the Malate police that same night.

But investigators yesterday found the three Japanese in their room at the Mabini Mansion in Ermita, Manila.

Razon explained that when the Japanese arrived in the country in the second week of February, one of them contacted Dante Alba to guide them to Metro Manila's nightspots.

Alba hired a Mitsubishi Adventure and accompanied them to a karaoke bar in Pasay City at about 9 p.m. on Feb. 12, police said.

They agreed that Alba would come back at midnight to fetch the trio and drive them back to Mabini Mansion.

But Alba, on board a Highlander this time, was late and was told by bar employees that the Japanese left a few minutes earlier on board Dula's cab.

Alba traced the cab's route and caught up with Dula at the corner of Remedios and Mabini streets in Malate. Alba said he tried but failed to catch Dula's attention. Alba decided to block Dula's path, transferred the Japanese to his Highlander and took the trio back to the Mabini Mansion.

Razon said Alba even hastily paid Dula P100 for his troubles. But the driver probably panicked and concluded that the incident was a kidnapping.

# Winning 'Sinulog' dancers in 'Sambalilo'

THE 150-MEMBER Tangub City dancers, grand prize winners in Cebu City's Sinulog festival last month, will be the guest performers in today's Sambalilo contest winding up Parañaque's weeklong celebration of its third cityhood anniversary.

The Sambalilo festival, like the Sinulog of Cebu, gives big cash prizes to the winners from among 24 groups of at least 50 members each.

Starting at 2 p.m. the competing groups, donning *sambalilos* (hats) of all shapes sizes and colors and dressed in colorful costumes, join the grand parade of participants in which they dance to the beat of drums, from Kabihasnan to the parking ground of Casino Filipino on Dr. A. Santos Avenue, site of the festival.

Each group will do its own interpretation of a standard eight-minute piece.

The dance competition will have three categories—Metro Manila with four entries; barangay with 16,and elementary 4. The champions in each division get P200,000, P100,000 and P50,000.

# Stabbed dead for complaining over 'pulutan'

A CONSTRUCTION worker who rudely complained about the lack of "pulutan" was stabbed to death by his drinking buddies in Tondo, Manila before dawn yesterday.

German Aranda, 27, a native of Capiz and stay-in worker at a construction site at the corner of Amarlanhague and Franco streets in Tondo, succumbed to a deep stab wound in the chest at the Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center in Sta. Cruz.

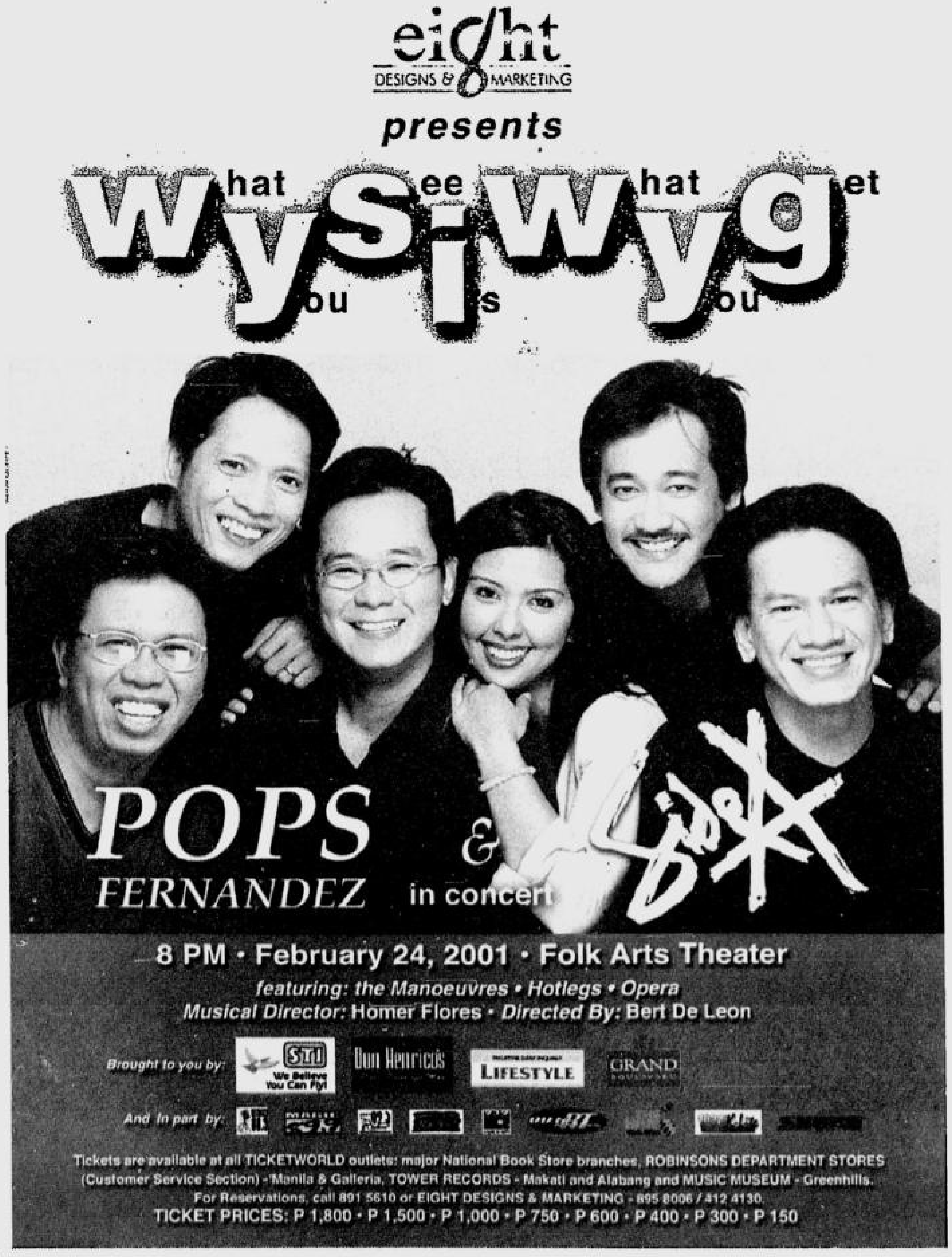
SPO1 Benito Cabatbat said Aranda and four unidentified men had been drinking separately with other workers prior to the stabbing.

Aranda, who was drinking on the third floor with two other workers, was invited by the other group to join them on the ground floor at about 1:30 a.m.

Aranda did join them but annoyed the unidentified men when he brusquely complained that there was no more "pulutan."

"*Gusto mo katayin kita para meron* (Would you like me to slaughter you so that we would have food)?" one of the men reportedly retorted. The argument escalated into a fistfight, during which another man stabbed Aranda in the chest.

Police were later able to identify one of the suspects as Alfredo Nabong, an ambulant vendor in the area. *Jerome Aning*



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# 14 aliens nabbed . . .

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ture manufacturer, bought $135,000 in stock from the company in 1999 and found out this month that it did not exist.

He said people from several other countries also made similar complaints against the company.

The company apparently did not sell stock to US citizens, allegedly to avoid falling under Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) jurisdiction, Gualberto said.

One Canadian detained said in a brief phone conversation from police headquarters that he did not work at the suspect company but was detained when he showed up for a job interview.

"I got the job advertisement off the Internet and I showed up for an interview," said the Canadian, who did not want to give his name. *AP*

# Market vendor reaps . . .

(From page A21)

in 1984 when Aling Bihing's youngest son, Macario, started to have a drug problem. While nursing a wounded heart and battling the sinking feeling caused by her son's misdeed, she got together with four of her friends and made a fresh start by selling fruits.

She had practically stopped selling vegetables in Divisoria but she decided to try vending fruits in Makati.

"My son's drug problem took every ounce of my strength and eroded my confidence," Aling Bihing said in Filipino. " But I realized my inner strength and tried to pick myself up."

At 62, her face may still show traces of her bitter past but she said hate no longer resides in her heart. She now feels sorry for her son Macario.

She looks grouchy, but she easily proves that looks can be deceiving. She says she has never dared cheat on anyone, believing that good deeds bring good fortune.

"Just work hard and play fair," she said, "and customers will always come back to you."

She occupies the best spot, near the entrance, in the JP Rizal wet market in Makati.

The Batangas native started as a young vendor back in the late '60s. Instead of running around with other children in a playground, she sold vegetables at the Asuncion wet market in Divisoria.

She sold fruits and vegetables like tamarind, pechay and mustard in Divisoria. She was called a biyahera then for she went home to Batangas every day.

### Devastated

"I belong to a poor family," she said. "I had to stop schooling in the sixth grade and began working when I was 14." At 23, she was already married.

She was able to send all her four children to school. She said she wanted them to be spared from what she had been through.

Losing one of her children to drugs left her devastated for a year. Fortunately, two cousins and two friends helped bring back her vigor in wrestling with the harsh realities of life. "It was a remarkable feat of sheer survival," she recalled.

"The joy that I was getting in helping my family at the time was more than enough and seeing happiness in their eyes every time I would hand them a little of what I earned for the day lifted my spirit," she said. "I never reached a point when I felt tired of my day to day struggle."

Her day starts at dawn when she rushes to the fruit buying station in Divisoria and Binondo, Manila, followed by an early breakfast at the karehan (eatery). Then she goes back to bed to catch up on sleep until 10 a.m. She mans the fruit stall from 11 a.m. till 4 p.m.

Her eldest daughter Lita and eldest son Fulgencio help her by taking their turn at the stall from 4 to 8 p.m. Their lone helper, a 29-year-old Bicolano, takes the night shift, from 8 p.m. to 3 a.m.

### Not an easy life

Aling Bihing's life is never easy. Contacting fruit suppliers and looking for dealers or delivery services involve a lot of hard work. The fruits displayed at her stall come from distant places: the Indian mangoes are from Laoag City, the pineapples from Cavite and the bananas from Tanauan, Batangas. She buys the rest in Carmen Planas and Santo Cristo in Divisoria and in Binondo.

She also sells chico and imported fruits like three kinds of apples, oranges, lychees and grapes.

Aling Bihing's hard work has not been for nothing. She was able to save enough to buy a residential lot in Batangas.

Every now and then, she goes home to Batangas, particularly when she feels stressed out. She also makes it a point to go back to her hometown during holidays. During Lent, she serves as a kantora, a Pasyon singer, in church in San Pablo, Santo Tomas, Batangas.

She remembers being a kantora as early as when she was 6. Her grandmother would bring her along and let her stand on a wooden stool so she could read the Pasyon and sing with the old folk.

Three of her children have their own families now, while Fulgencio is still a bachelor. Estelita, a civil engineer, has two daughters. Macario, the one who got involved in illegal drugs, has two daughters, too. Rodelia, the youngest child who married at 18, is studying in a computer school.

### Take it or leave it

Aling Bihing rents a small place on San Joaquin Street in Makati, just two blocks away from her fruit stall. She pays P2,000 a month excluding the electric and water bills. Inside the place are a single wooden bed, an old cabinet, an electric fan and an old black and white TV. There is also a small kitchen and a common comfort room shared with other tenants.

The veteran vendor observes that in Makati, the price is not a problem with buyers. As long as the fruits are fresh, people will buy them.

"Buyers are usually grouchy and irritating," she said. "Some would ask for excessive discount and they would even raise their eyebrows if they couldn't get what they want. But I tell them, 'Take it or leave it.'"

She has a piece of advice for fellow vendors: "Never cheat on your customers. Put yourselves in their shoes. What you do to others will always come back to you."

Aling Bihing says she would keep on selling as long as she's alive. "I can always sell it," she said of her stall, " but I guess I won't give up vending.

"I owe a lot to this stall. It gives me a worthwhile job. It feeds me. It makes me happy. It makes me smile. It's my life."

# Joyce Jimenez goes international

**VIEWFINDER**

*Nestor U. Torre*

STARTING this year, sexy actress **Joyce Jimenez** is going international by way of two projects. The first to hit our screens is the thriller "Vital Parts," where Joyce costars with Hollywood actor **Richard Grieco**.

The second movie, a Japanese martial arts film topbilling **Genta Ogami** and Joyce, is titled "The Lords of Creation" and is now being shot here. In the film, Joyce plays a young woman who is forced to go with a wealthy but evil man, while Ogami's character is a committed fighter against evil who rescues her.

"Vital Parts" was filmed about two years ago as a Premiere Productions project, but its current ad says it's a Viva Films presentation. In any case, it is Joyce's first international showcase, and Grieco's presence in the movie boosts its chances of being sold to various TV-film markets and territories abroad.

For her part, Joyce is a natural for international co-production projects not just because of her abundant physical charms and daring, but also because she speaks English well.

Our actresses have different ways of going international. For the likes of **G Toengi**, nothing beats living in the states, where the big TV-movie action is. But Joyce Jimenez has proven that an actress can continue to make the Philippines her home base and still get to star in TV-film projects that are eventually shown abroad.

### Grammy Awards on Channel [V]

CHANNEL [V] telecasts the 43rd annual Grammy Awards live on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 9 a.m.

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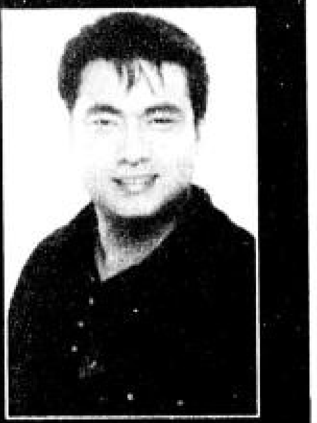

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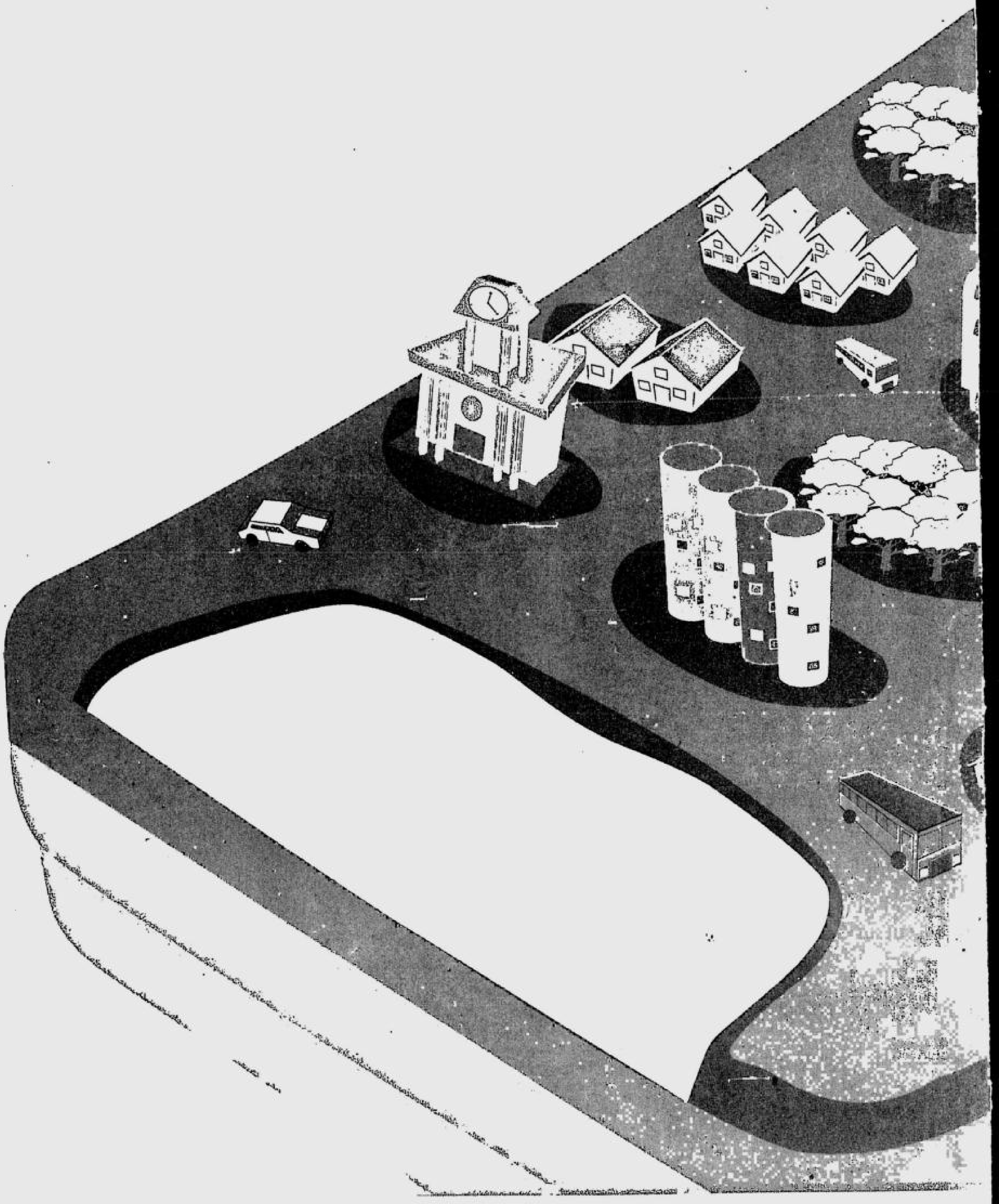

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# Joyce Jimenez . . .

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rapper **Eminem** received four.

### Feedback

FROM **Herman G. Ferranen** of Makati City: "With the coming of the new government, I hope that the TV and movie industries will clean up their act. The call is for a new moral order, to get rid of past practices that have negatively affected the attitudes of the populace, and media with big audiences like TV and film have a lot to do with these negative inputs.

"In the movies, I've noticed a preponderance of sexy productions. It seems that filmmakers have yet to hear the call for better and more responsible performance on everybody's part.

"On TV, there are programs that cater to viewers' base instincts and insult our intelligence. I hope that the TV stations involved will review their programming to weed out these unhealthy influences, so that viewers can be encouraged to think, instead of just following what is trendy . . ."

### 'Nurse Betty'

ADD "Nurse Betty," **Renee Zelleweger**'s latest starrer, to your list of should-see films. In the comedy movie, Zellweger plays a woman who decides to run away from her humdrum life by becoming another person.

She's obsessed with the character of a TV doctor in a soap and thinks that she's the nurse that the doctor (Greg Kinnear) was supposed to marry years ago.

To complicate things, she's witnessed the accidental killing of her husband, so she must dodge the pursuing killers (played by **Morgan Freeman** and **Chris Rock**), who are hot on her trail. Soon, even the cops join in the chase, so Zellweger's character has her hands full giving everybody the slip.

The actress does so well in the movie that she's been named best actress in a Comedy Film in this year's Golden Globe awards.

As for Freeman and Chris, they pull off the difficult trick of making killers funny.

"Nurse Betty" is directed by **Neil LaBute**. Its script (by **John Richards, James Flamberg** and **John C. Richards**) won the best screenplay award in the recent Cannes filmfest.

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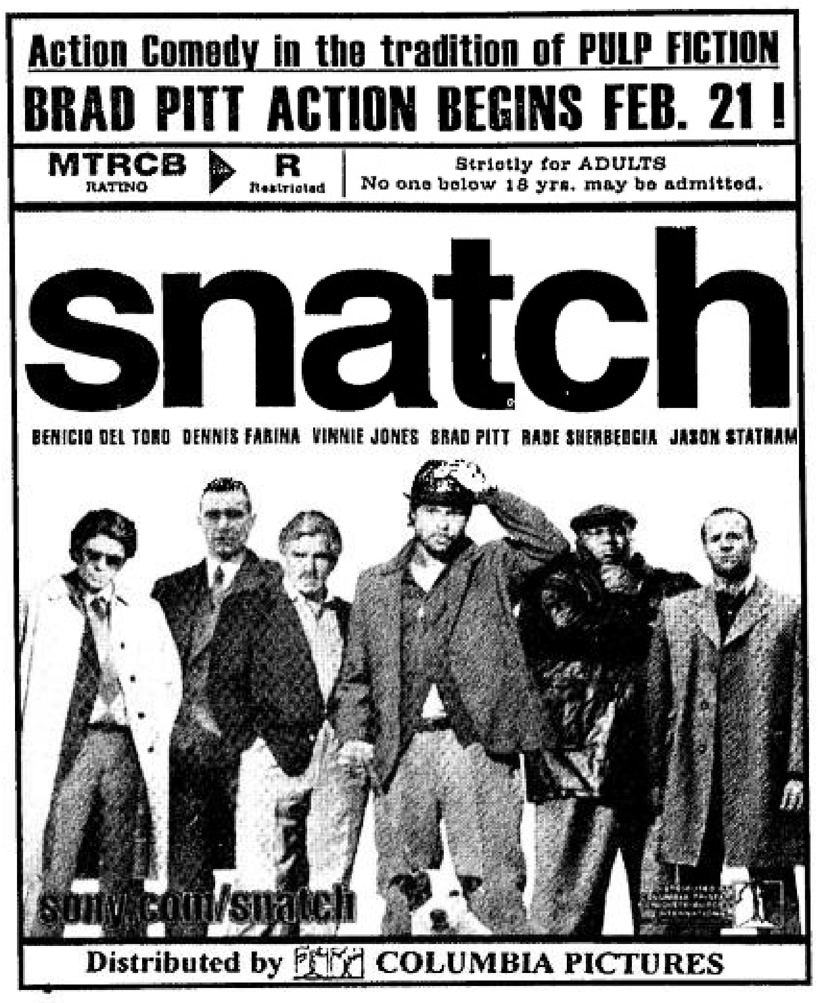
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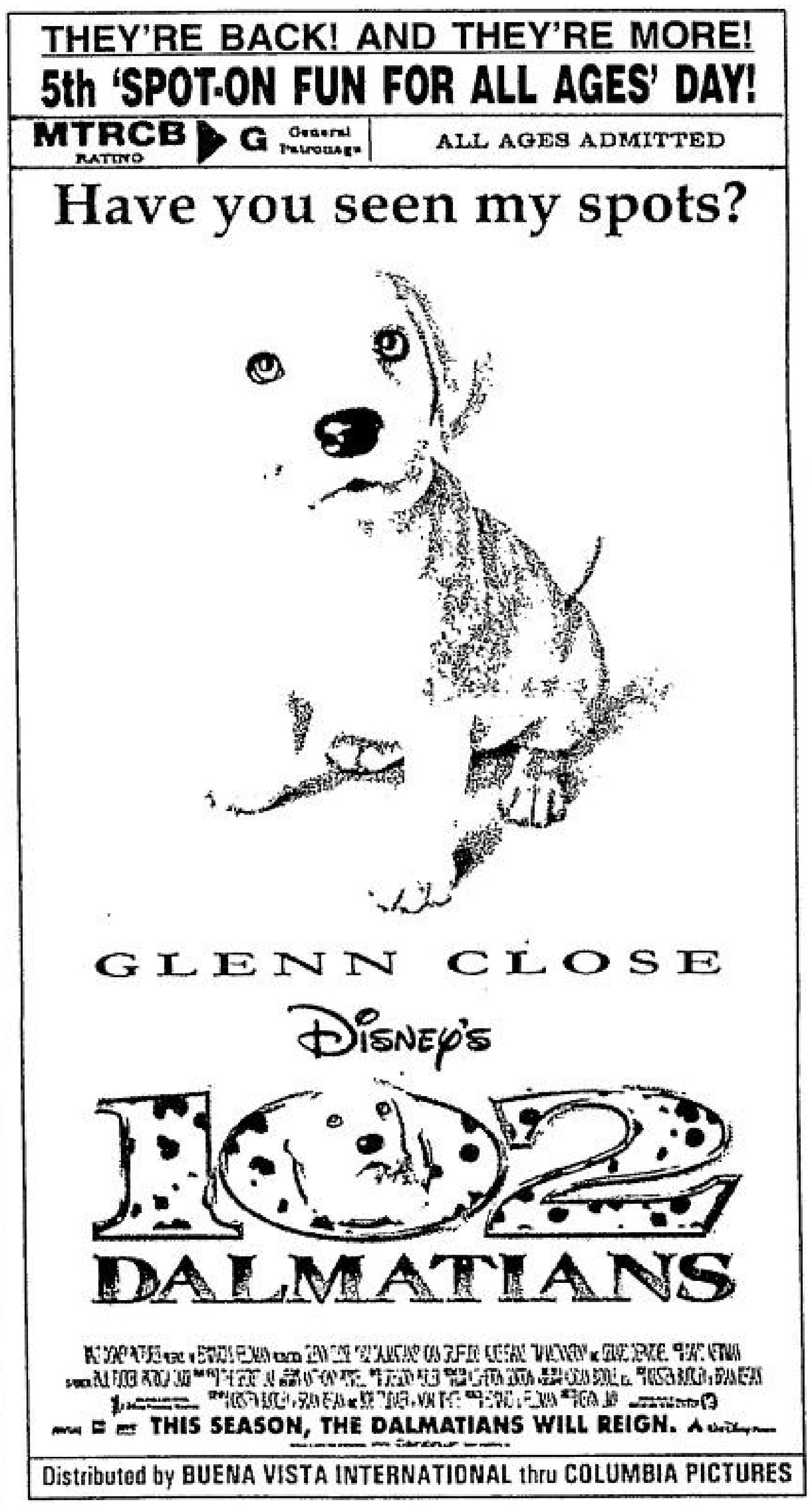
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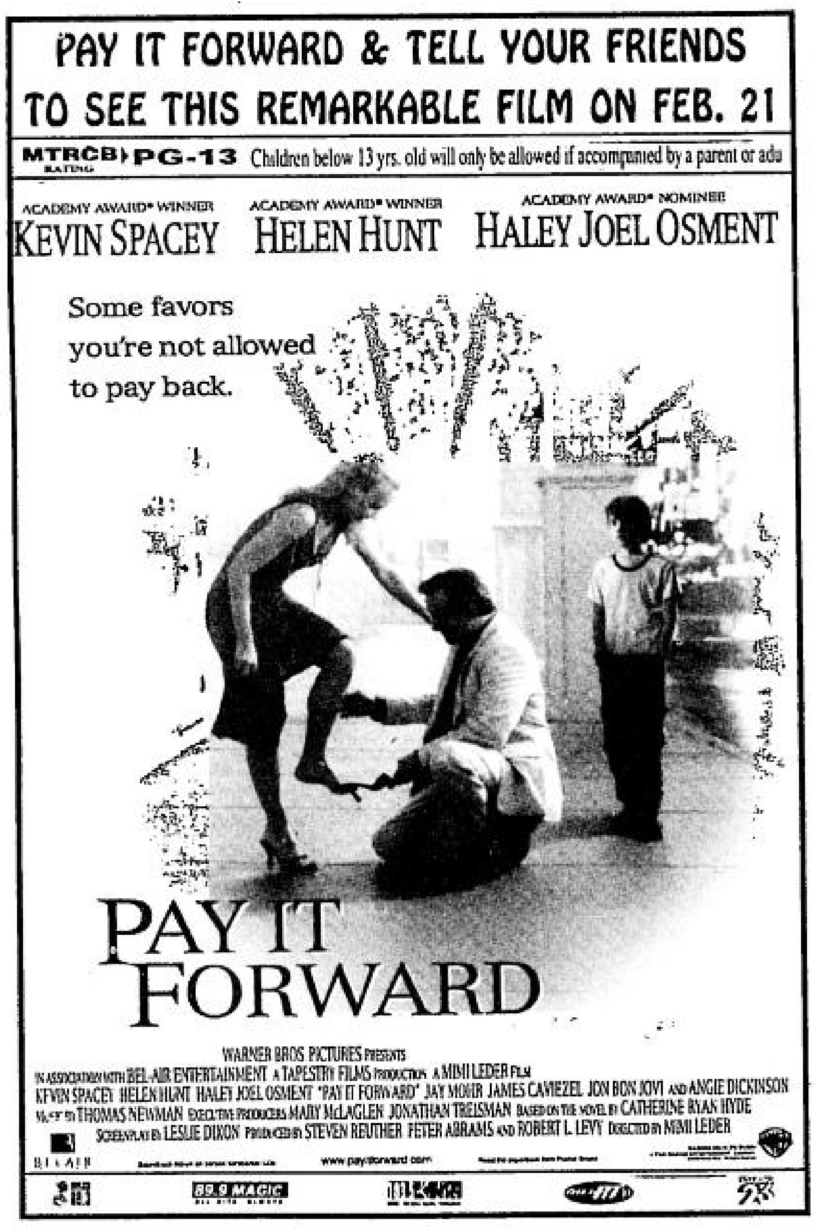
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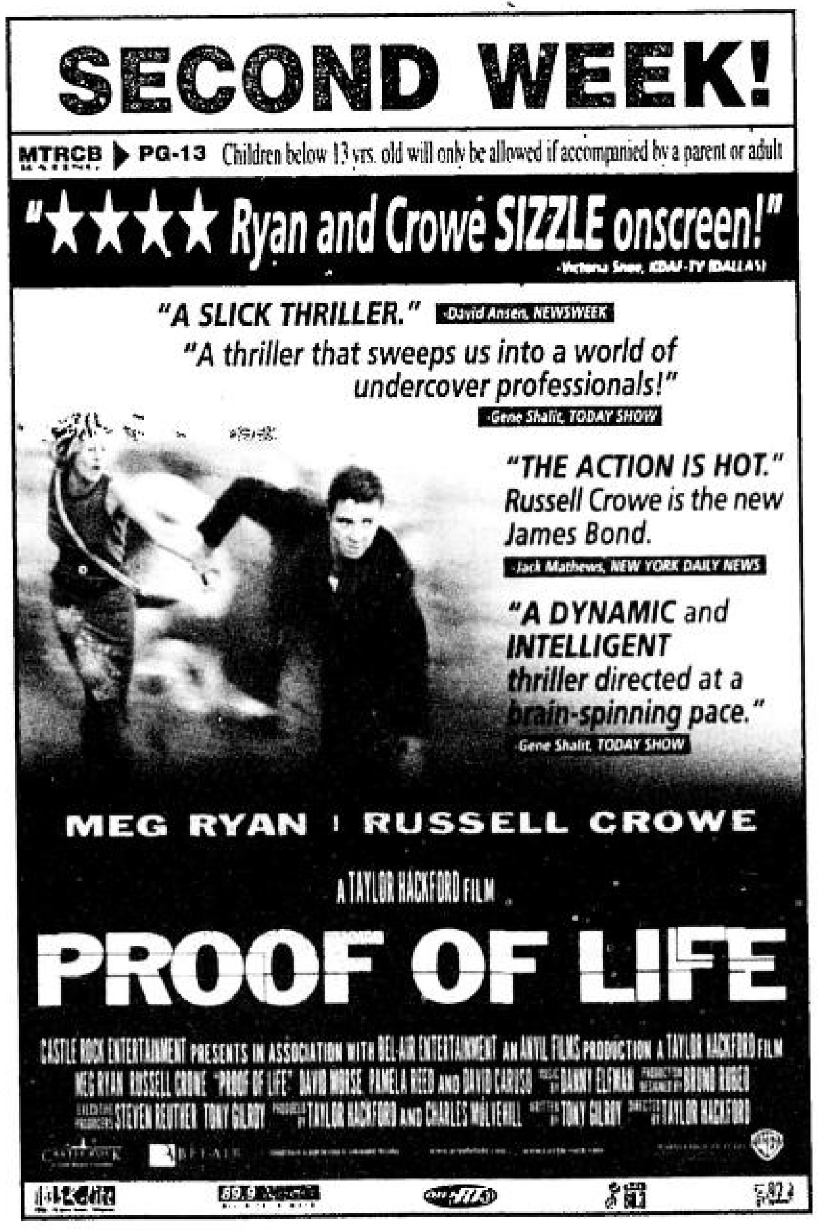
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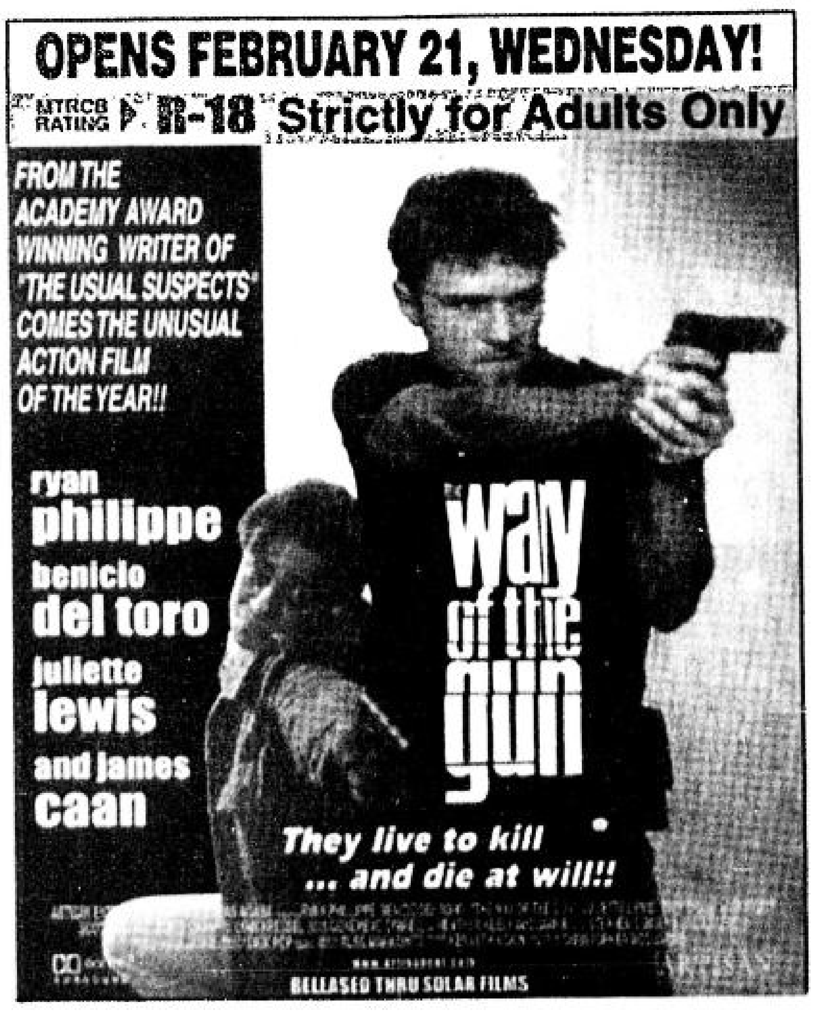
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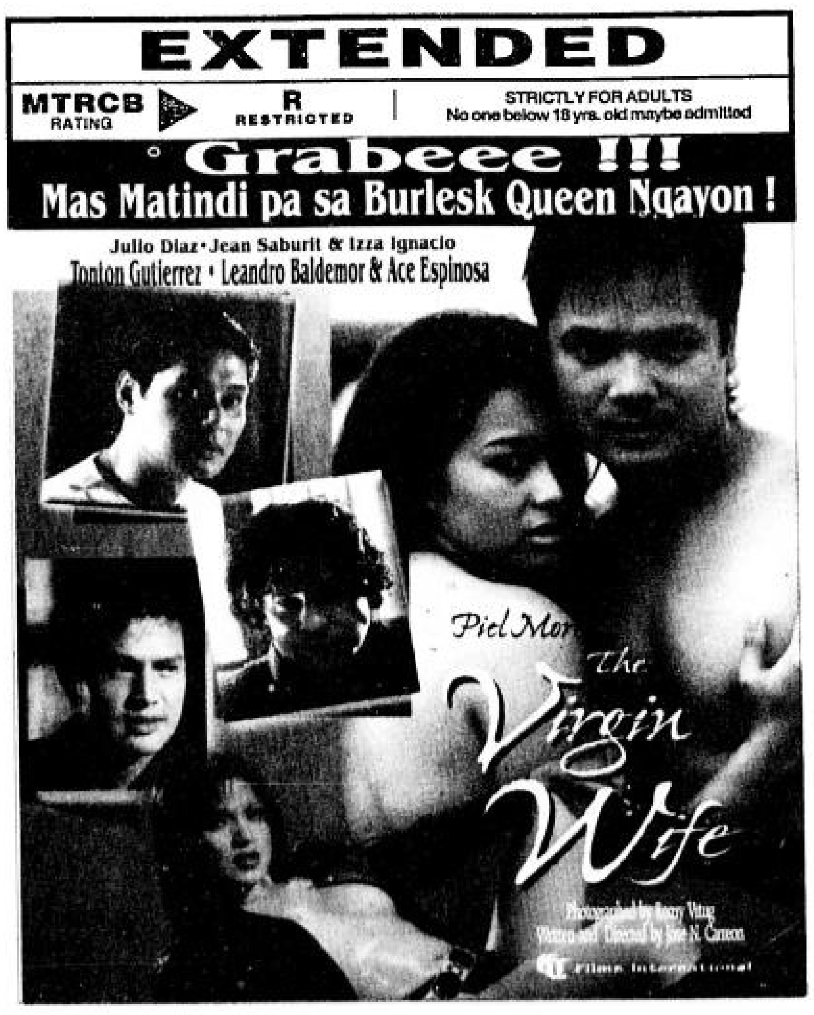
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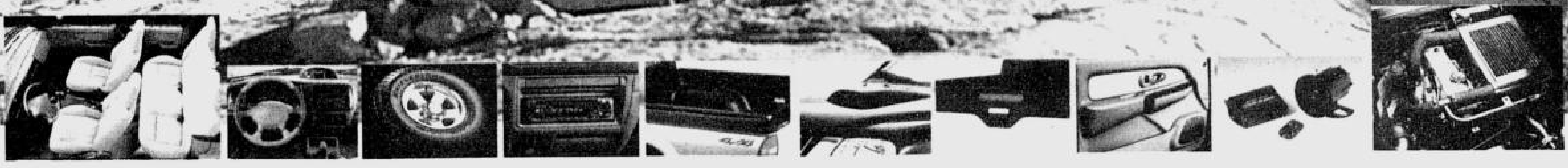

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# Ayala execs take time to talk about the New Economy to young leaders

**JIMMY** I. Ayala and Bong Consing ham it up for the Ayala Young Leaders.

By Berry P. Marfori

**IS THE New Economy boon or bane for the Philippines? In terms easily understandable to the non-techie and the non-economist, McKinsey & Co. Philippines head Jimmy I. Ayala and JP Morgan Securities Asia president Bong Consing explained the possible impact of the New Economy on the Philippines at the Ayala Young Leaders Conference in Tagaytay recently.**

To a room full of bright third year college students from all over the country, Ayala and Consing boiled down the effect of the impending e-revolution on the Philippine marketplace to two opposing positions. One side, a role-played by Ayala, espoused that the New Economy would simply widen the gap between the rich and poor.

Ayala, who is not to be mistaken for Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala of Ayala Corp., then in the audience, had a few of the students convinced that the e-revolution would only set back the Philippines further because local companies would not be competitive in the world stage. They and the rest of the economy would thus be unable to fully participate in this new order of commerce and trade which would favor only the best and the brightest. Ultimately, poor Filipinos would become poorer than they already were.

For his part, Consing took the opposing position that the advent of the Knowledge Economy meant an opportunity for the Philippines to participate in a playing field leveled by technology and knowledge rather than capital. He felt that in this arena, the Filipino, who has great talent for IT, had a better chance of catching up with developing countries.

It is a fact that multinationals are outsourcing aggressively to emerging countries, he said. In addition, small companies can now avail of all that the Internet has to offer in terms of access to global markets and in the knowledge available out there. The New Economy would present to the Philippines a chance to leapfrog and catch up with the advanced nations.

The debate, nevertheless, was staged only to get the young members of the Congress thinking about the future of the country in relation to the Internet Age. But the seemingly opposing paradigms presented by Ayala and Consing did not fool the Congress participants. In an instant electronic poll conducted by McKinsey, the students were asked to pick one of three positions in relation to the New Economy.

Majority or 58 percent of the 75 students believed that the New Economy had both good and bad to offer the country. This was against 18 percent who believed that the Internet age would only spell bad news for the country and 29 percent who believed that the Philippines has a bright future in the New Economy.

In truth, both Ayala and Consing are firm believers in opening the country to the global economy and as a corollary, the New Economy. They cite the fact that the most protectionist countries two decades ago—the Philippines and Myanmar—now represent the lagging economies of Asia.

As principal of McKinsey, the IT consultancy firm of the hour in Manila for many Old Economy organizations transitioning into the New, Ayala has been advocating that the Philippines embrace the e-revolution and anticipate it. Instead of providing safety nets to those who will be displaced by the New Economy, he espouses that scarce resources instead be channeled toward getting the work force ready to be part of the e-revolution through training programs and the like.

Fellow New Economy advocate Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala thoroughly enjoyed the mock debate along with the audience of students and smattering of Ayala Group managers. "We have a lot of fun in these sessions," he smiled.

The sessions, he explained, are held annually and are considered "a strategic investment of the Ayala Group in the youth and ultimately, the future of the country."

The purpose of the Ayala Young Leaders

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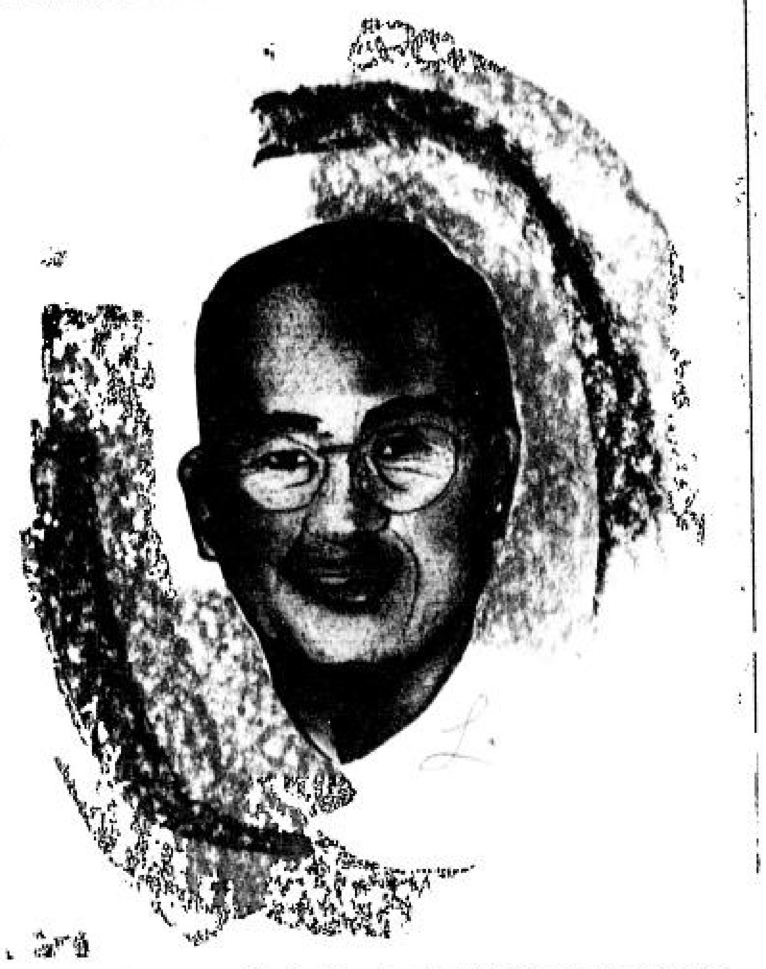
BY L.P. LEVISTE



**RAUL de Mesa**, president of the Bank of Commerce, dropped a bombshell in the financial community when he announced that his bank was deferring its merger and rehabilitation plans with the closed Urban Bank.

De Mesa said BoC had to exercise "extreme prudence" in the pursuit of the plan due to "unprecedented" problems.

# Hotel's latest solution for business travelers

DUSIT Hotel Nikko Manila launched a new Internet service that will provide business travelers with fully integrated cyber guestrooms in Manila.

The deluxe hotel unveiled the new Worldroom Connect service from Asian technology powerhouse I-Quest Corp., which provides guests with ultra-fast broadband Internet access for laptop computers at speeds of up to 10 megabits per second, over 300 times faster than a 28.8 Kbps dial-up modem. It also allows guests access to a fully integrated virtual environment, incorporating online travel content, up-to-date news, interactive maps, e-commerce solutions for business travelers, and comprehensive information for meeting and event planners.

"Dusit Hotel Nikko Manila is among the few hotels in Manila to offer a complete cyber experience to their guests, providing not only high speed Internet connectivity, but also everything the business traveler needs to get the job done online from the comfort of their guestroom," said Egbert Cayanga, I-Quest Manila's country manager.

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| Cor. of Washington Avenue and Tennessee Drive Palos Verdes Subd. | 464 | res. vacant lot | n/a | 1,763,000 |
| Crown Alley (Road Lot 3) Parkridge Est., Dela Paz | 634 | res. vacant lot | n/a | 2,456,000 |
| **BATANGAS** | | | | |
| Palm Ridge Pointe Phase I Brgy. Balas, Talisay | | 15 res. vacant lot parcels<br>• average area of 450 sq.m.<br>• area above 500 sq.m | n/a | 3,200/sq.m.<br>3,400/sq.m |
| **BULACAN** | | | | |
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| **CALOOCAN CITY** | | | | |
| Paulicas Street, Maypajo | | 4 res. vacant lot parcels with an average area of 220 sq. m. | | 3,000/sq.m. |
| Lot 5 Blk. 11 Cherry Vine St. BF Homes III Subd. Deparo | 240 | 2-storey res. bldg | 176 | 1,864,000 |
| Lot 828-B-1-D Susano Rd. Brgy. Deparo | 1,000 | com./res. vacant lot | n/a | 5,000,000 |
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| Rodeo Countryside Estate, Brgy. Esperanza, Alfonso | | 18 res. vacant lot parcels<br>• average area of 1,000 sq.m.<br>• corner lot | | 1,300/sqm<br>1,400/sqm |
| Sherwood Hills Golf Club Brgys. of Cabezas & Lallana Trece Martires City | 308<br>311<br>332<br>441 | res. vacant lot parcels | | 2,700/sqm<br>1,600/sqm<br>1,600/sqm<br>1,600/sqm |
| **LAGUNA** | | | | |
| Kiwi Street Pacita Complex 2 Phase I Brgy. San Vicente, San Pedro | 224 | res. bungalow bldg | 173.53 | 1,050,000 |
| Golden Swan Resort Barangay Sucol Calamba | 8,061 | Resort site consisting of 8 lot parcels w/ the ff:<br>• single sty. office bldg.<br>• single sty resort pavilion<br>• single sty. resort cottage bldg.<br>• 2-sty. hotel bldg w/ 16 rooms<br>• single sty. resort pavilion bldg.<br>• 2-sty. cottage bldg. consisting of 5 individual up and down units<br>• 2-sty. resort bldg.<br>• single-sty resort bldg<br>• with perimeter fence and gate, 5 swimming pools, 2 water tanks | | 25,280,000 |
| A. Mabini Ext. San Lucas I San Pablo City | 436<br>438 | contiguous res. vacant lot parcels | n/a | 1,047,000<br>1,051,000 |
| Southpoint Subd. Brgy. Niyugan Cabuyao | 220<br>238<br>180<br>445 | res. vacant lot parcels | n/a | 1,017,000<br>1,110,000<br>828,000<br>2,003,000 |
| Southpoint Subd. Brgy. Malitlit Sta. Rosa | | 20 res. vacant lot parcels<br>• with an average area of 200 sq.m | n/a | 4,600/sq.m. |
| **MAKATI CITY** | | | | |
| Barasoain Street, Brgy. Sta. Cruz | 55<br>54 | • 2-sty townhouse w/ mezzanine & carport<br>• 2-sty townhouse w/ mezzanine & carport | 114<br>134 | 2,469,000<br>2,636,000 |
| **MANDALUYONG CITY** | | | | |
| No. 3 Victoria Street, Brgy. Pleasant Hills | 402 | res. bungalow bldg w/ vacant concrete storage bldg. & open type shed structure | 309 | 6,073,000 |
| **MARIKINA CITY** | | | | |
| No. 6 Everite Street, Everite Subd., Brgy. Calumpang | 240 | 2-sty res bldg w/ working shed & walkway | 208 | 2,173,000 |
| **PARAÑAQUE CITY** | | | | |
| No. 7690 Calinisan St., F.C. Santos Compound, San Isidro | 153 | 3 two-sty. res. bldgs. | 168 | 1,610,000 |
| Filipinas Ave. cor. 12th St., UPS 5, Brgy. San Isidro | 647 | 2-sty res bldg with garage & landscaping | 307 | 5,218,500 |
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| West Tower, PSE Center Bldg Exchange Road, Ortigas Ctr. | | com. vacant condominium unit w/ 2 parking slots | 169 | 7,760,000 |
| Bartville Road, Bartville Subd., Brgy. Santolan | 700 | 2-storey res. bldg | 420 | 4,061,000 |
| Unit 17B Belvedere Tower, San Miguel Avenue, Ortigas Center | | res. vacant condominium unit | 108.27 | 9,310,000 |
| **QUEZON CITY** | | | | |
| No. 11 Crestline Road, Blue Ridge A Subd., Quirino Dist. | 833<br>730.10 | res. vacant lots | n/a | 12,495,000<br>10,052,000 |
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| Baluyot Drive cor. Santos St. Baluyot Park Subd., Brgy. Sauyo | 585 | res. vacant lot | n/a | 1,462,000 |
| Wagner Street, Ideal Subdivision, Brgy Commonwealth, Capitol District | 300 | res. vacant lot | n/a | 1,200,000 |
| Road Lots 28 & 29, Villa Vienna, Neopolitan 1, Fairview | 300<br>300 | 2 res. vacant "through" lot parcels | n/a | 1,350,000<br>1,350,000 |
| Hercules cor. Athena Sts., Tivoli Green Village, Capitol Dist. | 308 | 2-sty. res. bldg w/ garage | 483.80 | 3,727,000 |
| Fleur-de-Lis & Mariposa Sts., Neopolitan VII - Geneva Gardens, North Fairview | 680 | 2-sty office/ factory bldg. w/ deck | 1,076 | 8,953,000 |
| No. 7 12th Street, New Manila | 573<br>510 | contiguous res. vacant lot parcels | n/a | 9,741,000<br>8,806,000 |
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| Makisig, Mayumi and Malakas Sts., Lena Subd., Dalandanan (formerly part of Malanday) | 103<br>180 | 6 contiguous res. vacant lot parcels | n/a | 2,000/sq.m. |
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# Demystify thinking process and enjoy its magical results

**"Six Thinking Hats"**
*Edward de Bono*
*Back Bay Books*
*1999 updated edition*

BY DANTE M. VELASCO

**IN a group meeting, you ask for information and the members give you guesses or opinions. "Stick to the facts," you insist, but someone jumps to conclusion, another justifies a certain course of action, and still another dishes out his interpretation of the facts.**

**EXECUTIVE READ**

Getting members of a group to think in one direction or focus on one problem is a field full of landmines where ideas are blown up beyond recognition. To switch metaphors, managing group think is like negotiating a long-winding road without a map, and you end up in unexpected—if not undesirable—places.

If you are lucky, you get to your destination. But, you won't ever know how you managed to get there.

We got lucky sometimes. We hit upon a big idea after a stormy brainstorming session. It's a wonder then how the original idea survived, or even how an unexpected idea was born. We usually made a wish that there must be some science to the entire mysterious process. That way, we can replicate that amazing moment of creativity.

Enters Edward de Bono for a much-awaited answer, the name made famous by his own discovery or invention—lateral thinking—the process that gets away from getting deeper into one option and "laterally" moving toward other alternatives.

After his book on lateral thinking, De Bono offers us "six hats." What?! Yes, if the revised and updated edition of "Six Thinking Hats" is to be believed, you need six hats in six colors.

De Bono points out that the reason we have difficulty thinking through a complex web of options is that Western thinking—as designed 2,300 years ago by the Gang of Three (Socrates, Plato and Aristotle)—is preoccupied with "what is."

It uses dialogues to arrive at what is right or wrong, concluding that the ultimate truth is concealed behind appearances and creating boxes or categories.

There is a problem with such approaches, De Bono asserts, saying: "That (Greek and Western thinking) is a fine and useful system. But there is another whole aspect of thinking that is concerned with 'what can be,' which involves constructive thinking, creative thinking and 'designing a way forward'."

De Bono, goes to the point: "A thinking system based on argument (hear ye, your Honors!) is excellent just as the front wheel of a car is excellent. But that is not sufficient."

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If this is the first time you are introduced to De Bono, the book brings you to an entirely new universe about thinking and about how to think. It's revolutionary.

The author offers the "six hats," so we go pick them up one by one:

When you wear the White Hat, you are neutral, and are concerned only with objective facts and figures.

When you don the Red Hat, you express your feeling, gut or intuition about a course of action.

The Black Hat makes you the devil's advocate and, as you consider all the risks, you give a word of caution.

Then you are sunny in disposition and the idea is greeted with a positive note. You are wearing the Yellow Hat.

Green Hat, the symbol of vegetation and fertility, is what you wear when you want to generate creative ideas.

Thinking is a process, and you give it focus. You provide direction to the other "hats." You are "thinking about thinking. "That's when you wear the Blue Hat. It is the color of the sky and—since it is above everything else—you see the big picture.

The six hats do not represent personality types, according to the author. In a group meeting, the leader would start off saying, "Let's all wear our white hats"—a clear signal that the entire group would just dish out facts, no opinions or emotions. And then one hat is removed and another worn.

Isn't this quite artificial? Yes, says De Bono, buy that's the whole point. When the thinking process is a game of hats, the exchange becomes open, spontaneous and fun.

Does the book sound like a boring manual? No. On the contrary, it has some lyrical lines. It proves the point of one writer: If you concentrate on precision, you arrive at style. De Bono has style. Consider these: "Think of fire. Think of warmth." He is referring to the Red Hat. When he refers to the Yellow Hat, he says: "Think of sunshine."

This book is a shaft of light that illuminates the mysterious process of thinking. When we are aware of how we think, that is the beginning of wisdom on how to harness thinking with magical results.

*(Feedback: dantemy@i-next.net)*

**OLYMPIA** is changing its look to attract more long-staying guests starting with the cozy reception area.

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**THE OLYMPIA** also has a business center, a small conference room and several offices where business travelers can check on their e-mail and correspondence.

# Ten-year-old hotel gets a facelift

BY TINA ARCEO-DUMLAO

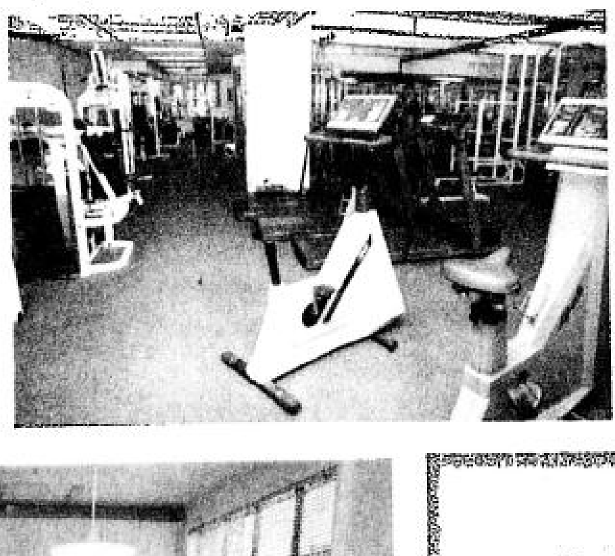
**THE QUAINT 150-room property in the heart of the Makati central business district has parquet floors, flagstone driveway, complete kitchen facilities down to the cutlery and separate kitchen, dining and living rooms.**

No, it is not a condominium but serviced apartments that traveling businessmen seeking more comfortable lodgings can rent for the weekend, a month or a year.

The Olympia Courtyard Suites has actually been called home by many expatriates and local businessmen for more than 10 years but it recently got a new lease on life when the Limcaoco family appointed HSAI-Raintree to manage the property and give it a much-needed facelift.

Olympia resident manager Bobby R. Horrigan says The Olympia will capitalize on its central yet private location to attract long-staying guests. He adds that the full range of facilities where guests can cook their own food should also get business away from the bigger hotels.

**THE HSAI-RAINTREE** management team kept the parquet floors in the ongoing facelift of the hotel for that extra homey feel for long-staying guests.



**TRAVELERS** checking in the service apartments can use the fitness gym operated by Clark Hatch as well as sauna and jacuzzi.

Horrigan adds that another advantage to the hotel is the low rates it offers. He explains that Olympia can be more flexible with the rates, particularly with local residents, since it is not part of an international chain.

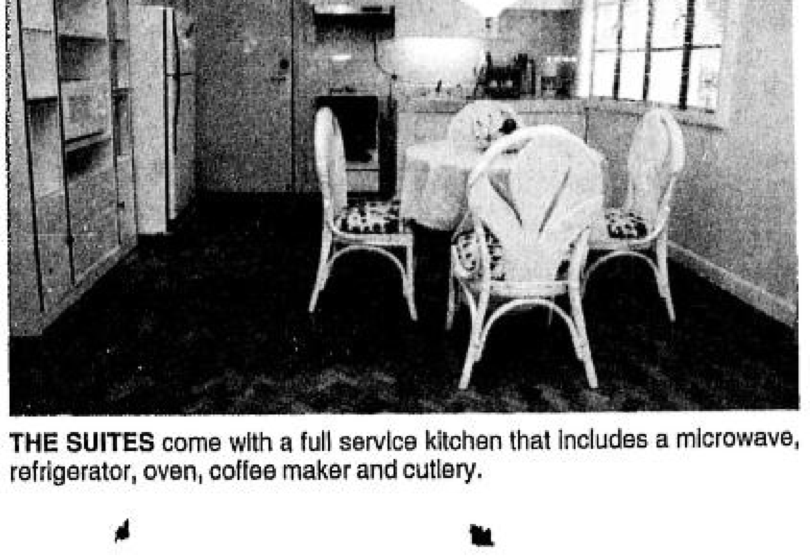
Guests can stay at a junior suite for only P1,800 a night. A one-bedroom suite goes for P2,500 while a two-bedroom penthouse good for four people only costs P4,800 a night.

These rates include a complimentary daily buffet breakfast for adults and children below six years old, complimentary bottled water, daily newspaper, use of fitness gym and city calls.

Horrigan says The Olympia will also strive to be different from the other properties in the Makati district by building a community for guests, especially since they are targeting the long-staying guests.

Activities in the pipeline include golf tournaments, ballroom dancing parties and special events.

"We would like our guests to feel at home here in Olympia and we can promote this by making sure that they are comfortable with the staff as well as with one another," he explains.



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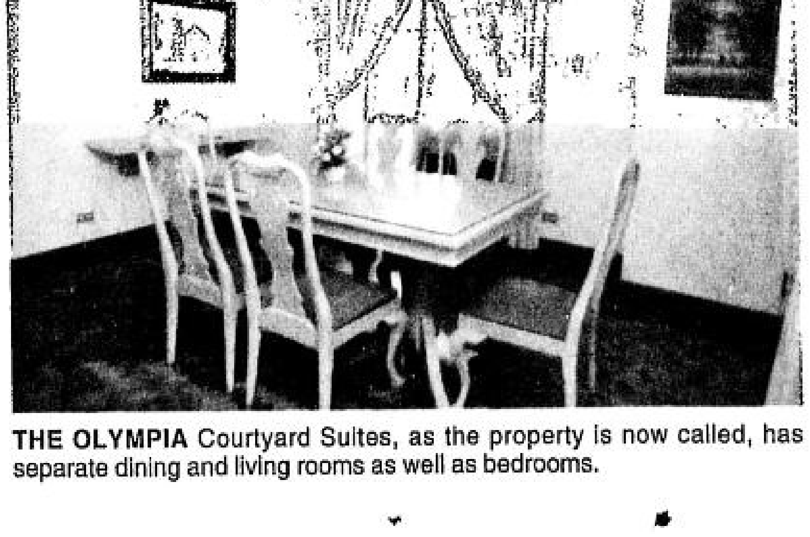

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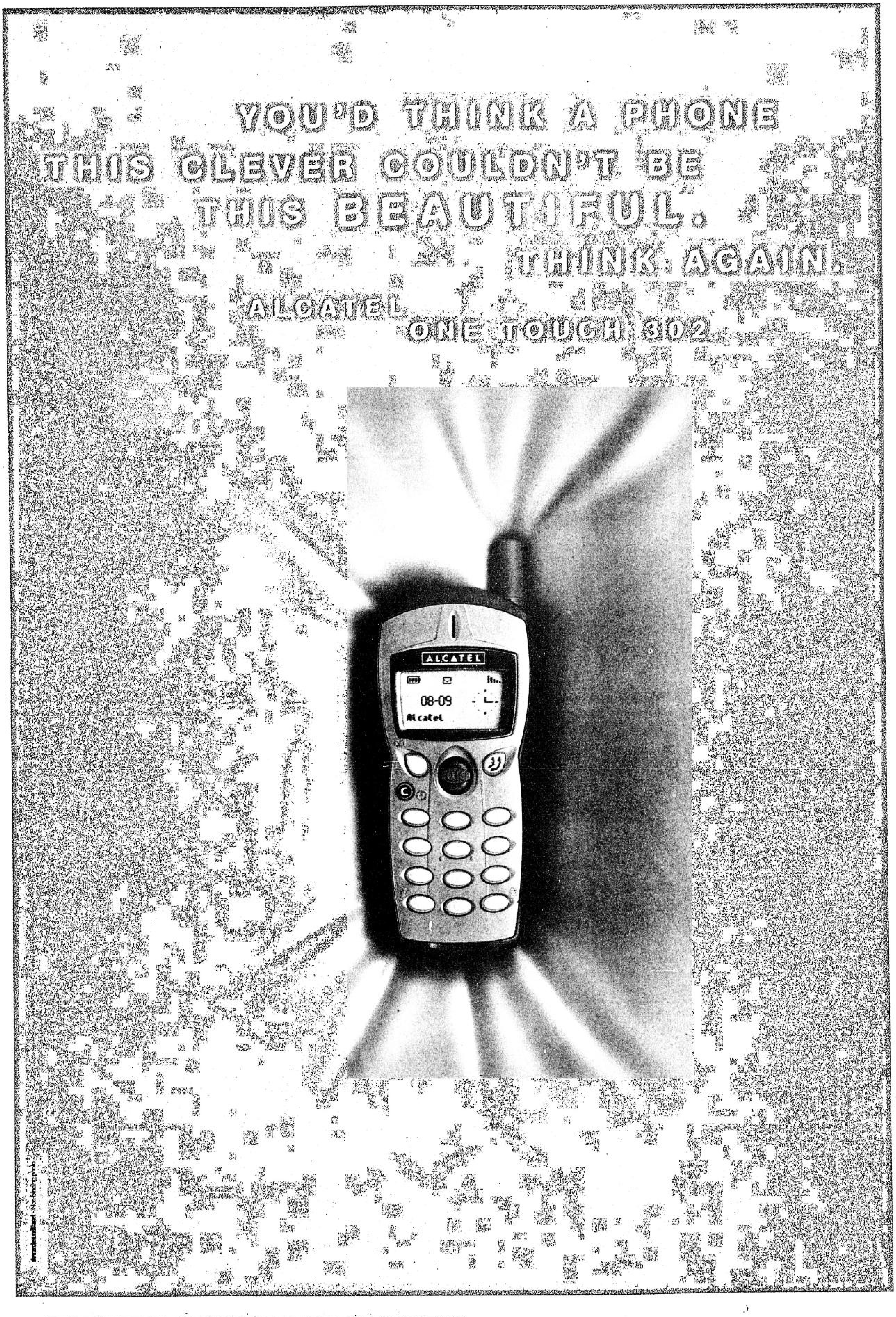
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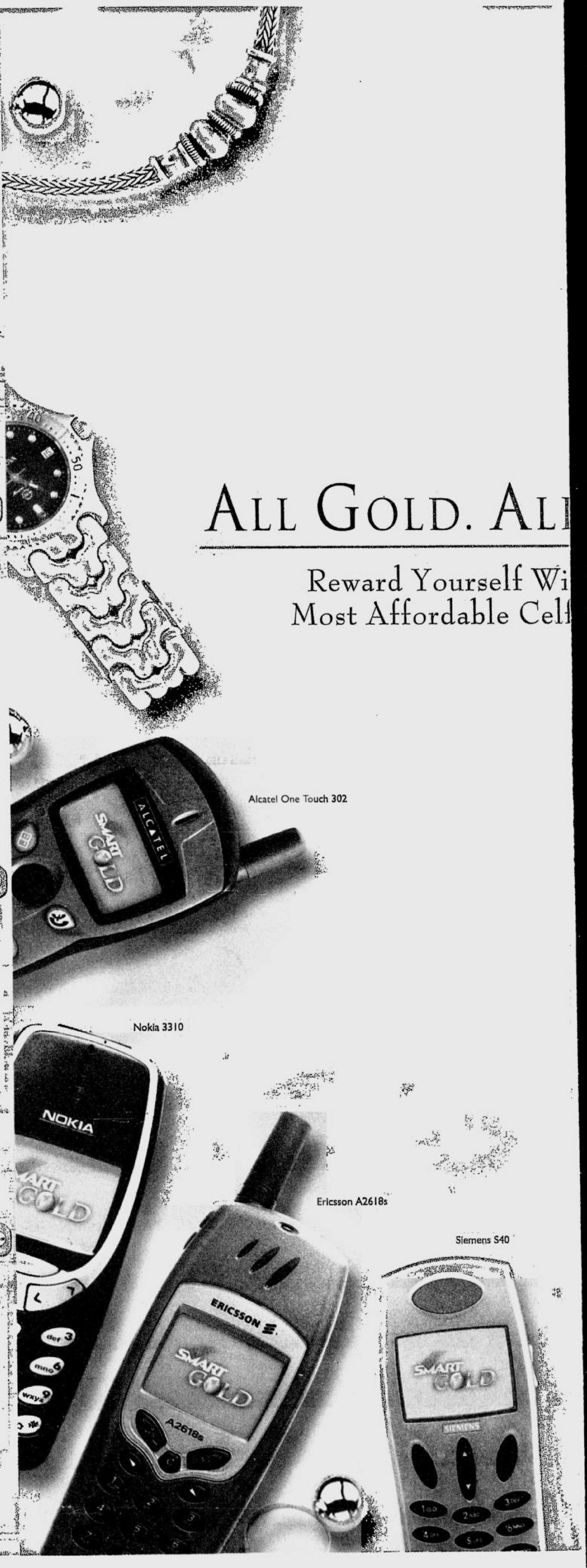

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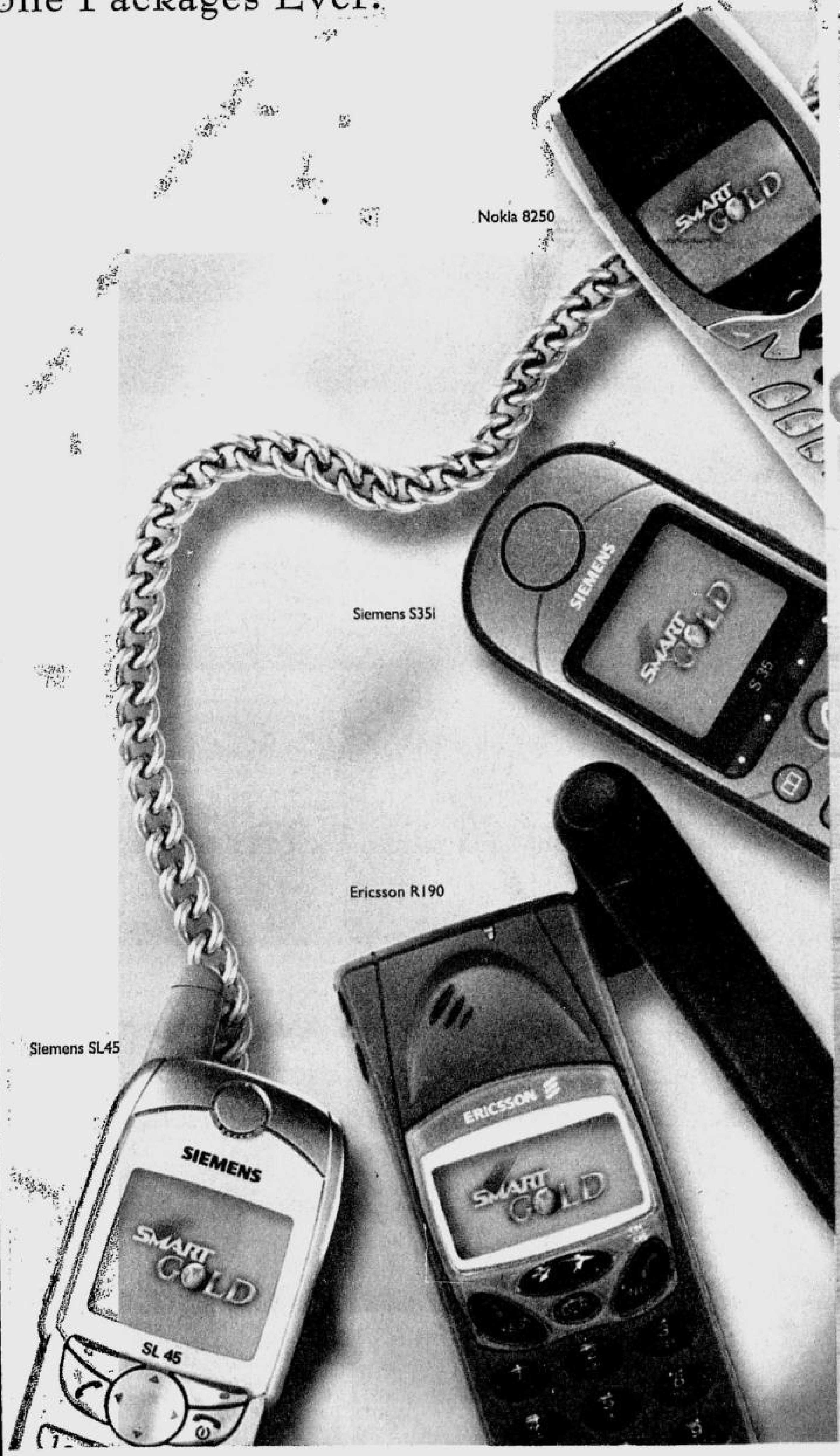

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# Create your own skincare line and you might strike it big

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

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**THE MARKET for skin products is vast as both women and men buy these goods regularly.**

The NegoSkwela Livelihood and Technology Training Center says home-based entrepreneurs can take advantage of this huge market, currently serviced by multinational companies, by making their own line of cosmetics and skin care products.

NegoSkwela resource speaker Raffy Ibarra says the capital requirement is not very big. For some P10,000 and P15,000, one can already produce about 1,000 regular-sized bottles of lotion that can be sold at an average of P50 each.

Ibarra stresses that latest developments in the chemical business have made it very easy for people to start the business at home. Gone are the days when manufacturing skin care products involved a lot of heating, melting and cooking.

These days, the compounds are processed, and all the entrepreneur has to do is to mix the different ingredients properly.

"It is just like cooking. The entrepreneur has to follow the directions carefully and to carefully weigh the ingredients, otherwise the end product will not end up the way you want it to," Ibarra says.

Skin care products and cosmetics are composed of oils, greases, fats, waxes, emulsifying agents, water, dyes and perfume. All of the chemicals are imported and available in chemical shops. Only the water is sourced locally, thus, making the business very vulnerable to the peso-dollar movements.

Ibarra stresses that the combination of the different ingredients requires definite and well-studied procedures and should be followed step by step. The ingredients can not be mixed in reverse order.

Care should also be given that the equipment and the containers used are very clean.

"The job is often quite as tricky as making mayonnaise. In making mayonnaise, you add the oil to the egg, slowly, with constant, even regular stirring. If you do this correctly, you get mayonnaise. If not, you get something else. It is the same for cosmetics and skin care products," he says.

Ibarra also emphasizes the use of high grade ingredients in making cosmetics to produce high grade products. You can use cheaper raw materials, he says, as long as the formula calls for it. But using a cheaper material where it is not called for should not be done.

"If you are not sure about a particular material, don't use that formula and use the one you understand. Buy your materials from reliable sources. Many of the ingredients in cosmetics are available in a number of different grades. If the formula does not specify the grade, it is to be understood that the best grade is to be used," he says.

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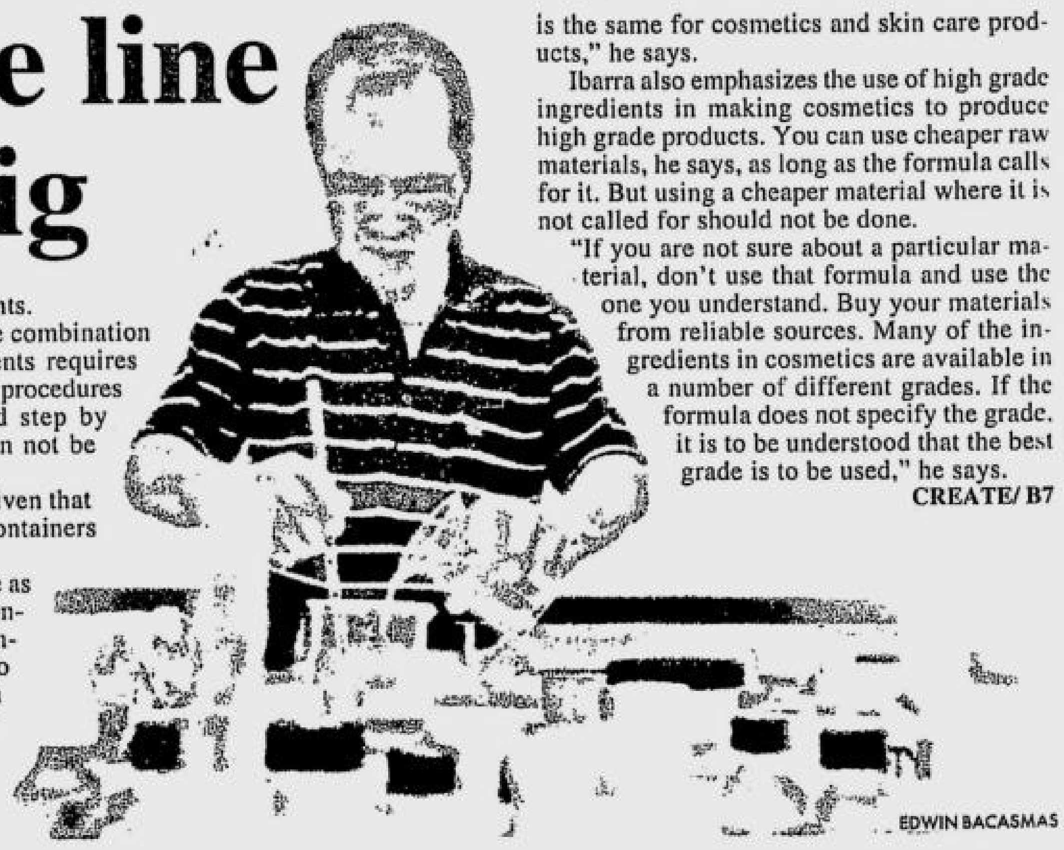

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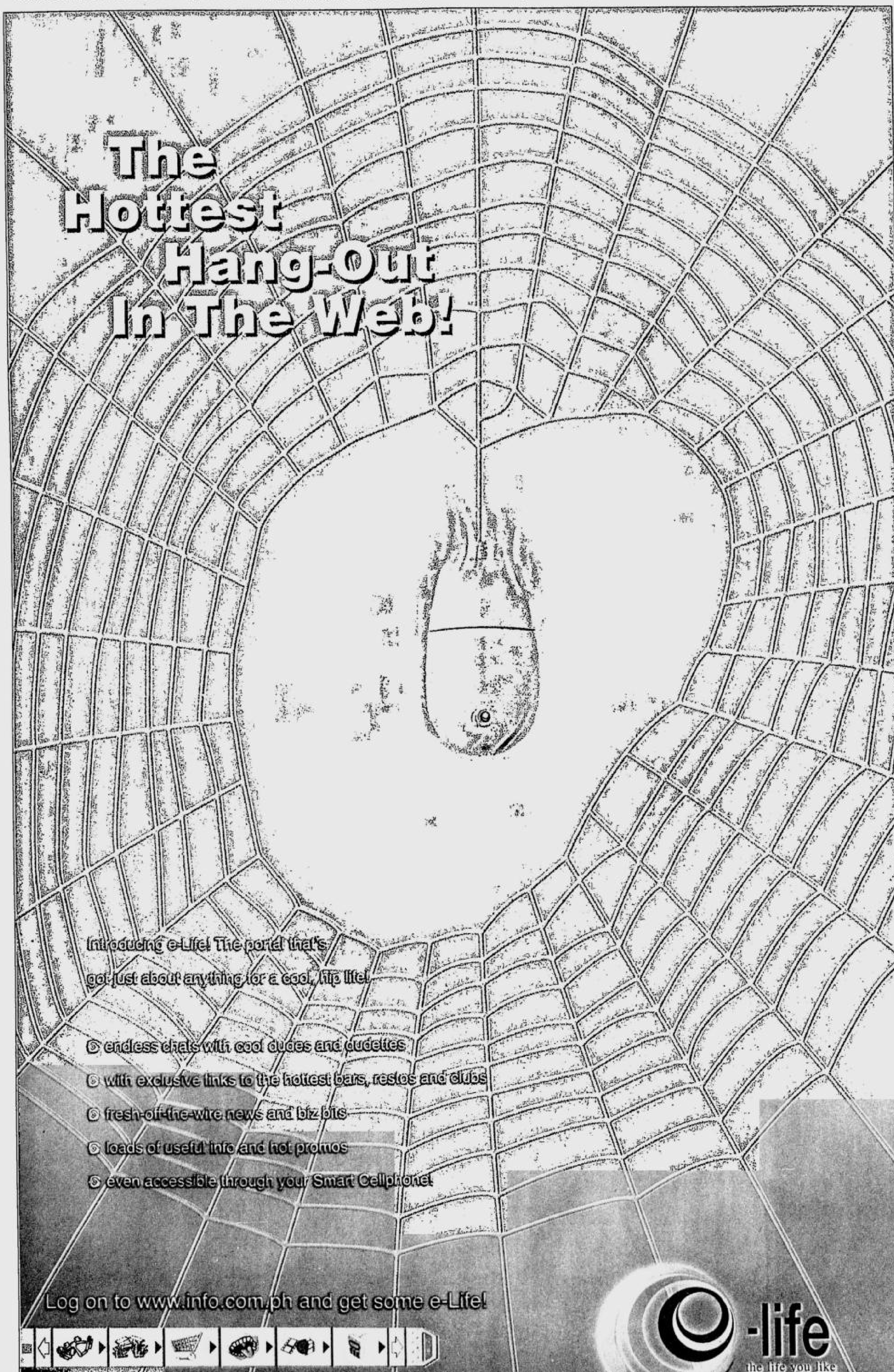

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# Rule-breaker MAC Cosmetics helps AIDS cause

TORONTO—For many, Viva Glam lipstick is a fashion statement with its former transvestite spokesmodel RuPaul and its brilliantly odd hues, but for millions infected with HIV and AIDS around the world, the lipstick is a lifeline.

All the money from sales of Viva Glam lipsticks in more than 30 countries goes to those living with HIV or AIDS. Viva Glam was the brainchild of MAC Cosmetics, the Toronto-based firm now owned by Estee Lauder Cos. Inc.

While MAC runs only one ad a year—for its lipstick—it has turned some heads with its cast of unlikely spokespeople and models such as drag queen and performer RuPaul, lesbian singer K.D. Lang and hip-hop stars Mary J. Blige and Lil' Kim.

"We did the boy as the girl and the girl as the boy, and the way that drew attention to MAC and the AIDS Fund was brilliant," John Demsey, president of MAC Cosmetics, told Reuters. "We've had tremendous controversy. Some love it, some people don't. Quite honestly, we don't care."

An Italian Roman Catholic bishop called the ads, featuring RuPaul in a long blond wig, red basque and thigh-high platform stiletto boots, "sick."

But MAC said the lipstick raked in nearly $4 million in sales last year for the MAC AIDS Fund, started by founders Frank Angelo and Frank Toskan in 1994. Angelo died of complications from surgery in 1997.

"MAC's images are really forward. They express a very unique glamour and spirit," said Dale Crichton, executive vice president of cosmetics at Nordstrom Department Stores, which carry MAC cosmetics from powder blush to lipsticks, eye pencils to mascara.

### Bold despite staid corporate home

MAC's edge has not dulled even though for three years it has been a part of the Estee Lauder empire, whose brands are advertised by more traditional models. In fact, industry experts dub it the makeup world's flourishing house of couture.

"They were really the first company, more or less, where you have a makeup artist who has the knowledge to train consumers," said Allan Mottus, editor of The Informationist, a New York cosmetics trade publication.

MAC started in 1985 as a line of cosmetics dedicated solely to professional makeup artists, and one of the founders, Toskan, was a makeup artist himself. "They have a cult following of consumers who relate with the makeup artists at counters. There is a bonding process," Mottus said.

With its glitzy colors—Blade is greener than your garden, Jet roams somewhere between blue and gray—Viva Glam's message has certainly struck a chord with the fashion-conscious.

Sales of the lipstick have brought in nearly $19 million since 1994 and all the money has gone to the MAC AIDS Fund, said Demsey, who did not disclose total sales for MAC since it is part of publicly traded Estee Lauder.

"We love to associate ourselves with the people we associate with because they are fun, they do it for the right reasons, and they give us a voice that breaks through the clutter and allows us to raise money," Demsey said. *Reuters*

# Ayala execs . . .

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Congress is to hone the leadership skills of the students in a three-day seminar. They are exposed to speakers in various fields whom the students could consider as role models. This year's batch of speakers also included Solita C. Monsod, Randy David, Christian Monsod, Butch Jimenez, Rep. Butch Abad, Emily Abrera, Del Ganapin, Jose Javier Reyes and Ryan Cayabyab.

Ayala Land chair Fernando Zobel also attends the sessions annually along with Ayala Corp. chair Jaime Zobel de Ayala and the likes of Globe president Gerry Ablaza, Manila Water president Antonio Aquino, Pure Foods' Rene Montemayor and Integrated Microelectronics Filemon Berba. Fernando explains why even if they are just spectators in the peanut gallery, Ayala executives drop everything to sit in on these encounters with these 19- and 20-year-olds: "We get a real high from these discussions." In the process, they also somehow recapture some of the ideals of their own youth.

# Father creates environment to raise entrepreneurial kids

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

**MARICEL Pangilinan-Arenas recalls having no summer vacations when she was growing up as her father, Donato, made her and her siblings busy with the family businesses as soon as school was out.**

"He made us work as soon as we were able to answer the telephone and write," she says.

Brother Francis (Kiko) agrees, recalling the time when he was asked to be the timekeeper in his dad's furniture factory (Manila Pearl) at a young age and project coordinator at 19.

"We lived in Iloilo for five weeks. We had a construction project there and I was the signatory to the checks," Pangilinan recalls.

Donato T. Pangilinan set up several businesses including a barber shop which he put up with Butz Aquino. But his children say everyone was asking for a free haircut so they decided to close the company.

"My dad asked for the barber's chair, so for the longest time we had a barber's chair in the house," Francis says

It was no surprise then that almost all Pangilinan brothers and sisters (except Maricel) ended up as entrepreneurs. The more prominent ones like Anthony, set up a management training consultancy, Angeli (wife of singer Gary Valenciano) set up Genesis, a talent management firm. Joseph is now managing Manila Pearl.

Maricel, the eldest in the brood, entered the corporate world, spending several years with McCann-Erickson and retiring recently to help out Francis in his campaign to run for the Senate.

**THE** YOUNG senatorial bet kept time in his father's furniture factory and eventually went into the food business.

All nine were also made to attend managers' courses at the UP Institute of Small Scale Industries (UP-ISSI) because their father helped conceptualize these programs.

"Rather than go to a big office, I opted to set up my own," says Pangilinan referring to the law firm he set up with college friends (Franco, Pangilinan, Tolentino, Ringler & Santo Law Offices.)

Even in his younger days, the 37-year-old Pangilinan took the entrepreneurial route setting up a fish ball stand along Philcoa Avenue near UP. During its peak, he was netting about P4,000 a day. He added two more—Anonas, Quezon City and Novaliches.

He later converted his fish ball business which he labeled "Eat-a-bols" into street cars—semi-permanent carts made of stainless steel.

Pangilinan had as many as 40 carts at one time but he says they had to cut back because they were experiencing operational problems such as meeting the commitments of distributors.

"We scaled this down to 20 but we will expand again eventually," he says.

He boasts that his fish balls are different because of the sauce and the cleanliness of the carts. He also has a partnership with Nestle where he serves Nestea iced tea in his carts.

Pangilinan also invested in a cousin's venture called Food Express which manages two canteens—the one at the Benguet Center and the canteen at the University of Santo Tomas.

With his decision to run for the Senate, however, Pangilinan has turned over the reins of his businesses to his cousin.

Having set up small businesses, he says he knows only too well the woes of entrepreneurs.

"No access to credit for one. My father is an entrepreneur and I see how the company is struggling to make it there. You have 500 workers and DOLE (Department of Labor and Employment) breathing down our necks. You have the BIR (Bureau of Internal Revenue) and instead of promoting that particular sector, they are killing it," he says.

Should he land a seat in the Senate, Pangilinan hopes to make laws that would help entrepreneurs as part of his platform.

If he does not, he can always go back to his entreprenurial ventures.

Shangri-La Plaza

### MALL LAUNCHES NEW LOGO

Shangri-La Plaza Mall recently launched its new logo. The change is among the changes the mall is undergoing this year. The launching coincided with the grand raffle draw of its six-month long "Wins of Change," the mall's grandest raffle promo that gave away varied instant prices every month and cash prizes in its grand draw.

## Create . . .

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. NegoSkwela encourages entrepreneurs who are just starting in the business to experiment with small batches to keep costs down. Continue experimenting with small batches of mixtures until you get it just right. Practice indeed makes perfect for cosmetics production.

Ibarra says there is still room in the market as many large manufacturers have sacrificed quality for profits. Entrepreneurs can then fill up the void by selling quality products at competitive costs.

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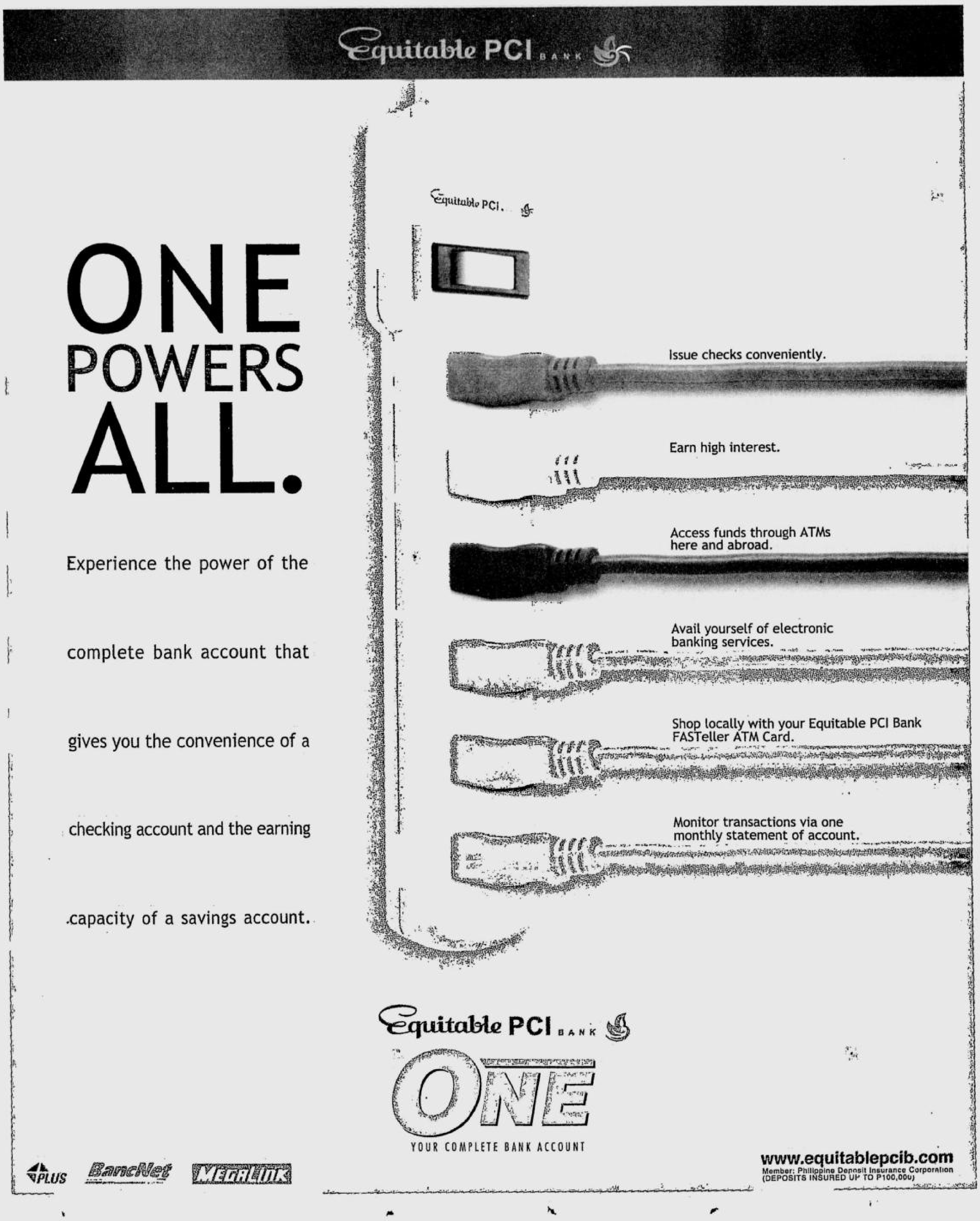

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- Familiar with demographics and distribution system

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*Qualified applicants are requested to submit all requirements not later than **March 3, 2001** to:*

**SBMA Labor and Employment Center
Bldg. 255, Rm. 116
Barryman Road, Subic Bay Freeport Zone 2222
Attn: Labor Dept. Manager**

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## AOWA ELECTRONIC PHILIPPINES, INC.

We are an international franchise company commerce with high quality of imported home appliances. We are now hiring excellent individual to join our expansion in the millennium. Successful candidates will be offered attractive remuneration and wide exposure to excel.

### ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

Male/Female, 22-28 years old, single
Accounting graduate, with minimum of 2 years experience
Familiar with MS Office Worksheet
Familiar with BIR procedures
Able to work long hours and meeting deadline is a must

### SALES CLERK

Female, 21-30 years old, college graduate
Preferably Commerce or Accounting graduate
Must be trainable, flexible, articulate, personable and analytical
With knowledge in stock inventory and experience in sales is an advantage

### COMPUTER PROGRAMMER

Preferably male, 23-27 years old
Graduate of BS Computer Programming or any four-year related course
Knowledgeable in the design and coding of systems/programming
With at least one (1) year of work experience as a Programmer

**THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT
#9 Brixton St., Bgy. Kapitolyo, Pasig City
Tel. No. 637-2330-34 loc. 27**

Please bring necessary requirements such as latest NBI Clearance, 2x2 ID picture, Transcript of Records and Certificate of Employment.

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URGENT CAREER OPPORTUNITY

An established Software Development Company is in immediate need of the following:

**1. TWO (2) XBASE PROGRAMMERS**
- 21 to 25 years old
- Interested applicants are requested to submit their comprehensive resumé, with two (2) clear colored recent photos 2 x 2, and a sample of the program which they have developed, including source code and preferably users manual (not mandatory).

**2. ONE (1) MESSENGER & JANITOR**
- 19 to 23 years old, single, with at least 6 months experience. Applicants should bring their most 2 copies recent 2 x 2 colored pictures.

**3. ONE (1) SECRETARY / ADMIN. ASSISTANT**
- 20-24 years old single, with a minimum of six (6) months actual experience. Background in Microsoft Office preferred.

Due to the urgency of this requirement, applicants are required to handcarry their resumé to the address below not later than 28th February 2001.

**3548 Hilario St., Palanan, Makati City**

For Provincial applicants may also send in their resumé not later than the 28th of February 2001. Look for Anith Tel. No. 7293552 to 53

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## RESPICARE ENTERPRISES

a company engaged in distributing quality hospital equipment is in need of

RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

QUALIFICATIONS:
- MALE below 25 years old
- B.S. Respiratory Therapy graduate
- Computer Literate,
- Presentable
- And hardworking

Apply (MON. TO FRI. 2-5 p.m.)
Bring original/ photo copy of credentials
Transcript / Diploma/ Recent photo 2 x 2 and
NBI Clearance at Suite 402 Rizalina II
Annex Bldg., 1677 Quezon Avenue near corner
EDSA, Q.C.

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Needed Immediately

## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Computer literate: Word, Excel, etc.
At least one year experience

*Please bring your bio-data with ID picture to:*

**The Philippine Stock Exchange Center
2904A West Tower, Exchange Road,
Ortigas Center**

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## Project Director (SG-26)

for a
**Philippine-German
Integrated Rural Development Program**

The Bondoc Development Program is a bilateral technical cooperation project. It is an integrated rural development program jointly implemented by the Provincial Government of Quezon and the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) with its main thrust on poverty alleviation and people empowerment in Bondoc Peninsula. If you meet the following qualifications, then you may be the leader we are looking for.

- Not more than 55 years old
- Must have a Masteral or higher degree in Public Administration, Natural Resources Management, Social Sciences or related courses;
- Must have a proven track record as project manager or team leader in a social development program and a minimum experience of 5 years in rural development work, preferably with Local Government Units, Peoples Organizations and/or Non Government Organizations and should have knowledge of applying participatory approaches in project management;
- Must possess appropriate Civil Service Eligibility for second level position;
- Being prepared to travel frequently to different municipalities of Bondoc Peninsula under very unpredictable road conditions;
- Should not have any pending administrative and or criminal case in court or other trial court;
- Applicants from Bondoc Peninsula/Quezon will have some advantage;
- Previous applicants need not to re-apply.

*Please send your applications on or before **March 03, 2001** to:*

**Office of the Regional Director
National Economic and Development
Authority (NEDA Region IV)
EDSA, Quezon City**

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A garment manufacturing firm located at the Mactan Export Processing Zone, Lapulapu City, Cebu is in urgent need of:

## ONE (1) PRODUCTION MANAGER

❑ Female, 30-40 years old
❑ Preferably a graduate of BS Industrial Engineering or any 4-year related course
❑ Must have at least 3-5 years experience in a garment manufacturing environment as Production Manager
❑ Able to develop, control & implement effective production strategies & systems
❑ Mature, dynamic & result oriented
❑ Possess good managerial & leadership skills

Qualified applicants are requested to e-mail applications, resumés & other credentials not later than **February 26, 2001** to:

**yaying@cebu.weblinq.com**

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AUSTRALIA

## AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY IN AUSTRALIA

AusAID

Applications are invited from suitably qualified men and women for scholarship grants for postgraduate study at Australian universities beginning early 2002. Grants for postgraduate (Graduate Diploma and Master's degree) studies will be awarded under the Australian Development Scholarships (ADS) scheme - Merit/Equity Category funded by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). No PhD awards will be offered.

The scholarship will cover course fees, airfare to and from Australia, and stipend of at least A$16,311.00 or PHP437,134.00 per annum (non-taxable).

The ADS - Merit/Equity Category is open to individuals who are non-government officials/employees. Applicants should have requisite qualifications to satisfy Australian admission requirements plus a minimum of two years work experience.

Two special features of the ADS - Merit/Equity Category are that the scholarship will be awarded on a gender equity basis and a minimum target of 30% of the scholarship will awarded to residents of Visayas and Mindanao.

Subject areas for study will complement the overall development cooperation strategy between the Governments of the Philippines and Australia. Awards will be offered for postgraduate study in the following areas: basic education, health, rural development, environment and governance.

To qualify, applicants should:

- be Filipino citizens;
- be under 45 years of age as at 1 January 2002;
- be in good health;
- be of good moral character;
- hold an undergraduate and/or postgraduate degree at a level to satisfy Australian admission requirements;
- have obtained a weighted average of 2.0 (or its equivalent) or better;
- propose a program of study related to development at the postgraduate diploma or master's level in the areas of basic education, health, rural development, environment and governance;
- have never held an Australian Government scholarship; and
- NOT be a permanent resident of Australia.

Applicants should submit a written expression of interest to:

ADS Coordinator
MCPO Box 2342
Makati City 1266

Expressions of interest (EOIs) should indicate proposed subject area/course of study and include: a bio-data detailing academic achievements and employment history; certificate of employment; certified true copy of college transcript of records and Diploma; and certification of general weighted average from the school registrar. EOIs with incomplete documents will not be considered.

EOIs should be received not later than 17 April 2001.

The Australian Government will only accept written EOIs at this stage **AND CANNOT RESPOND TO TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES. DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF EOIs EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED, ONLY SUITABLE CANDIDATES WILL BE CONTACTED.** The names of shortlisted candidates will also be posted on the AusAID page of the Australian Embassy website (**http://www.australia.com.ph**) on or about 15 May 2001.

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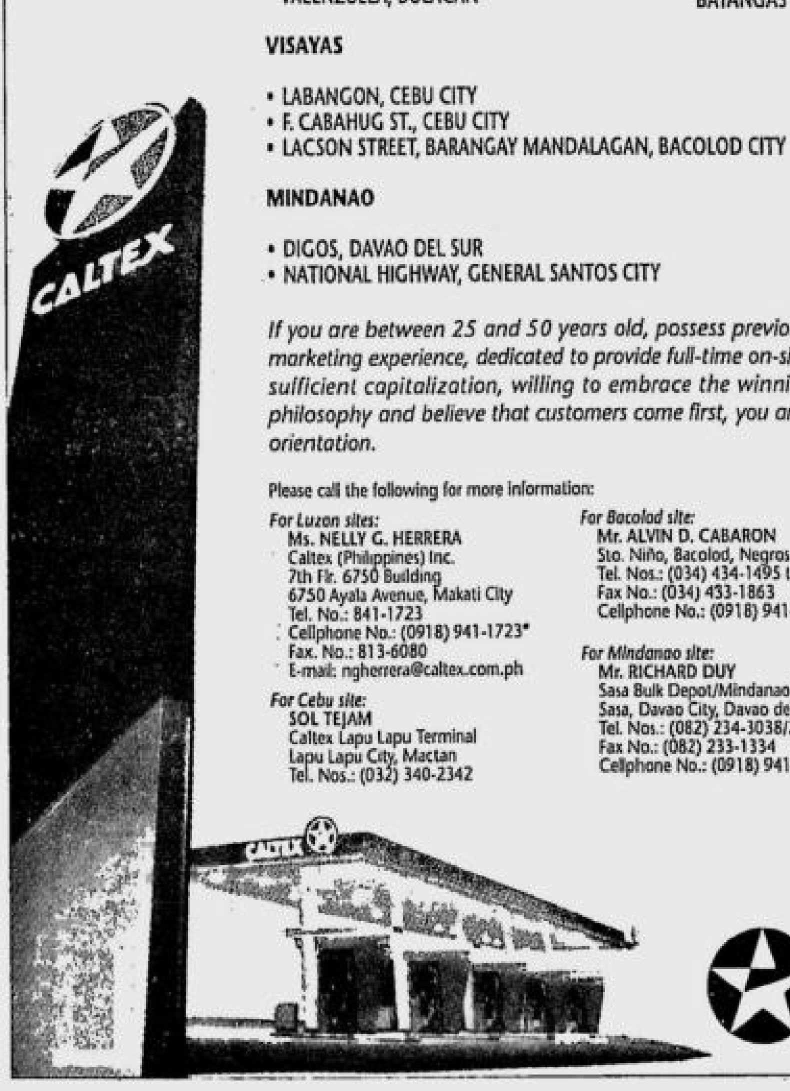

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Cellphone No.: (0918) 941-1723*
Fax. No.: 813-6080
E-mail: ngherrera@caltex.com.ph

*For Cebu site:*
SOL TEJAM
Caltex Lapu Lapu Terminal
Lapu Lapu City, Mactan
Tel. Nos.: (032) 340-2342

*For Bacolod site:*
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Sto. Niño, Bacolod, Negros Occ.
Tel. Nos.: (034) 434-1495 to 99
Fax No.: (034) 433-1863
Cellphone No.: (0918) 941-1033

*For Mindanao site:*
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Sasa Bulk Depot/Mindanao District Office
Sasa, Davao City, Davao del Norte
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- Either one will be responsible for managing home and psychosocial care of enrolled street children.

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W A N T E D

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**ONWARD ENTERPRISES**
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**NORTHEN DESIGNS INC.**
FOR IMMEDIATE HIRING

## SHOWROOM/SALES ASSISTANTS

Female, 21 to 28 years old with pleasing personality, college graduate or new graduate can apply. Degree in Fine Arts or Architecture related course have an advantage. Must be aggressive, creative, hardworking and a team player.
Apply in person, bring resumé and 2x2 picture Unit U Facilities Centre Building, 548 Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong. Monday to Saturday, February 19-24, 2001, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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WANTED IMMEDIATELY

## 1-CPA/ACCOUNTANT

- at least 2 years experience in General Accounting
- proficiency in MS Office a must
- not more than 28 years old
- well-organized and able to work under pressure

Interested applicants may apply in person and for interview on February 19, 2001 (1 day only) at 9:00 a.m. at **NO KA OI PHILS. INT'L. INC.** Unit 406 Richville Corporate Center, 1314 Commerce Avenue, Madrigal Business Park Ayala Alabang, Muntinlupa City. Please bring your Resumé, Transcript of Records, 2x2 picture, NBI clearance.

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Wanted

## Hotel & Restaurant Manager

for small pension
at San Simon, Pampanga.

**Submit biodata at 3rd floor, MEI,**
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**San Lorenzo Village,**
**Makati City. Tel.# 893-8588**

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## (1) ACCOUNTING STAFF needed

**Qualifications:**

- Graduate of BS Accountancy
- At least 1 year work experience
- Computer literate
- Experience in credit/NGO an advantage

Applicants may send their resumé to:

**PUSH, Inc. at 3/F NATCCO Building**
**227 J.P. Rizal Street, Project 4**
**Quezon City 1109**
**Tel. Nos. 913-7011 to 15 loc. 25**
**Email: push@philonline.com**

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## NEED ACCOUNTANT

FEMALE W/ EXP. SEND RESUMÉ AT
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# Edsa jobs fair 2001

THE Department of Labor and Employment—National Capital Region (DOLE-NCR), in cooperation with the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) and Bureau of Local Employment (BLE), is sponsoring a job fair on February 25, 2001 at the POEA grounds, corner of Ortigas Avenue and EDSA.

The affair, which starts at 8 a.m., is in celebration of the 15th anniversary of the EDSA People Power I, and will have at least forty (40) local and ten (10) overseas employers as participants. Everyone in need of job is invited to take advantage of the opportunities the whole-day event may offer.

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## FOR IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT

In a stable medium-sized but progressive company which is in constant look-out for aggressive and ambitious professionals:

### TECHNICAL ASSISTANT

- Male or female, 30 years above
- Innovative and resourceful
- Accounting or Finance graduate
- Computer literate
- With at least five years experience as Technical Assistant

### MARKETING ASSISTANT

- Male or female, 30 years above
- Innovative and resourceful
- Preferably Marketing graduate
- Computer literate
- With at least two years sales and marketing or equivalent experience

### DISTRICT MANAGERS

- Male or female, at least 30 years old
- College graduate, preferably Business Administration/Commerce
- Minimum of five years sales management experience
- Able to develop and implement sales and marketing plans to achieve district's objectives
- Exceptional leadership and management ability
- Hardworking, organized and result-oriented

### CORPORATE ACCOUNT OFFICER

- Male or female, 25 to 35 years old
- College graduate, preferably Marketing, Management or Communication
- At least two years sales and marketing experience
- Proficient in oral and written communication
- Excellent selling, interpersonal and negotiation skills
- Aggressive and result-oriented

***With basic salary, incentives and allowances***

Interested parties may visit us personally or send their resumé, transcript of records, employment certifications and 2x2 ID photo to:

**Himlayang Pilipino Plans, Inc.**
**The Personnel Department**
**6th Floor Triumph Building, 1610 Quezon Avenue, Quezon City**

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AN EVENTS COMPANY/PRODUCTION HOUSE
is looking for:

## ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE/ ACCOUNT MANAGER

- At least two (2) years in Account Management/Client Service
- Proficient in English
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- 24 yrs. old & above

## HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER

- Excellent in Handling Employees' Training

## DATABASE PROGRAMMER

- Excellent in Client Server Programming

Mail, fax or handcarry your requirements to Unit 1-C Cypress Gardens, 112 Herrera St., Legaspi Village, Makati City
· Telephone No.: 812-7108/ Fax No.: 818-1343

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OUR GUESTS ARE OUR LIFE. We want them to have the most fun while at KATIPS BAR & GRILLERY, so we are looking for a few funny, smart and good people

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### DINING SUPERVISOR

M/F, 25-32 years old, some college education, in addition to all the character traits above, KNOWS HOW TO MOTIVATE AND ORGANIZE TEAM PLAYERS TOWARD GROUP GOALS. ADEQUATE RESTAURANT EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY.

All qualified applicants, interested in long-term career opportunites, must submit or send a comprehensive resume with picture and references to 209 KATIPUNAN RD., BLUE RIDGE, QUEZON CITY 1109

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**Club Morris Emerson & Thomas Pacific, Inc.** is looking for a young energetic individual to handle membership sales.

## SALES EXECUTIVE

- Female, single, 22 to 29
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- Superior oral and writtein English is a must
- Computer literate
- Must be creative and imaginative
- Must be a self-starter and can work with minimal supervision
- Willing to be trained for managerial position

Previous applicants may not need to apply.

Send your resumé with 2x2 picture to P.O. Box 13106, Ortigas Center Post Office 1605 Pasig City, Metro Manila

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Wanted:

## COMPUTER TECHNICIAN/ ENCODER

- Prefer. w/ networking cert.
- Typing speed of at least 60 WPM
- Knowledge in comp. assembly and troubleshooting
- Single, Male, not more than 30 years old

**Call: 524-7128/522-8246**

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❸ **PROJECT ARCHITECTS**
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❹ **FOREMAN**
Experience in Building Construction and not more than 40 years old.

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**Salary commensurate to experience. Interested applicants may handcarry their comprehensive resume with 2x2 photo, complete address and telephone number at:**

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**Come for interview on Monday, February 19, 2001 at Unit 406 Diplomat Condominium, Russel Avenue corner Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City (beside McDonald's, Roxas Boulevard)**

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Our Company is involved in the distribution of rapid diagnostic tests in the Philippines. As part of our 2001 expansion, we are looking for partners in the following areas: *Regions 2, 4, 5, 8, & 9* and the *Provinces of Bohol & Quezon.*

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**Immigration Opportunities to the USA (North Carolina, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, etc.) awaits qualified applicants....**

**Please submit your resumé and CGFNS certificate to the address below.**

**We are also in need of an ACCOUNTING STAFF.**

**Accounting or Management Graduate**
**With good communication skills**
**Computer literate**
**Female, 22 to 30 years old, single, preferably with office experience.**

For inquiries, please contact:
**Global Health Link, Corp.**
Room 202, Columbian Building
160 West Avenue, Quezon City, Philippines
Tel. No: (02) 928-3032/Telefax: (02) 927-6645/Email: ghl@skyinet.net
Contact Person: Rosemarie S. Preposi / Sheryle Nerona-Cabaltera

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APARRI
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**APARRI ELECTRONIC CORPORATION**, a subcontractor for a U.S. Cable TV Manufacturer located at Subic Bay Freeport Zone seeks:

## PRODUCTION MANAGER (ELECTRONICS)

1. Graduate of any engineering courses preferably Electronics Communications Engineering.
2. With minimum of five (5) years work experience in electronic manufacturing operations.
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**Aparri Electronic Corporation**
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Labor Department
Subic Bay Freeport Zone

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NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

## GENERAL MANAGER

FOR
**Sorsogon II Electric Cooperative, Inc.**
**(SORECO II)**
**Buhatan, Sorsogon, Sorsogon**

**Qualifications:**

Applicant may be male or female, must be at least 30 but not more than 55 years old, college graduate (in Business Management, Accounting/Finance, Engineering or Behavioral Sciences) preferably with Master's degree in Business Management Administration or Industrial Management, and must have at least five (5) years supervisory experience.

**STARTING SALARY P18,000.00**

Application forms and additional information may be obtained at the Cooperative Operations Department, 3rd Floor, NEA Building, NIA Road, Government Center, Diliman, Quezon City, or at the Regional Electrification Office V, 2nd Floor, Karlenian's Building, Panganiban St., Naga City. Deadline for the submission of application form is on **05 March 2001**.

(Sgd.) **MANUEL LUIS S. SANCHEZ**
*Administrator*

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AN EVENTS COMPANY/PRODUCTION HOUSE
is looking for:

## ART DIRECTOR/VISUALIZER

*Qualifications:*

- Ad Agency Experience
- Advance Photoshop Knowledge (MAC)

## SENIOR COPYWRITER

*Qualifications:*

- Ad Agency Experience
- Experience in Event & AVP Script/Concept Writing

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Unit 1-C Cypress Gardens Condominium,
112 Herrera St., Legaspi Village, Makati City
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***NAUTICOS MARINE EXPLORATION, INC.***
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***For Immediate Hiring***

**CHIEF ENGINEER** - Male, between 35-45 years old. Must be a licensed Chief Engineer and a graduate of a reputable marine/nautical school. Must have a solid experience, preferably in Yanmar and Hanshin engines. Willing to be assigned onboard a research boat.

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**WANTED IMMEDIATELY** a qualified personnel as **COUNTRY MANAGER** for its Philippine Operation.

**Qualification:**

- ✓ good moral character, particularly of honesty, integrity, and professionalism
- ✓ relevant managerial experience, in part or of similar capacity and environment (eg. Marketing, Warehousing, Logistics, Customer Relations, Pricing, etc.)
- ✓ customer-focused, market-oriented
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Interested parties must send their letter of interest with their updated comprehensive resumés, **not later than Thursday 22 February 2001:**

To: **The Regional Director - MES**
By Mail: **#2 Alexandra Road**
**#06-02C Delta House, Singapore 159919**
By Fax: **(00-65) 274-3877**
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CONTACT MS. MERA CANTILLO OR DONNA GERONIMO.
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(PDI – Feb. 17 & 18, 2001)

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# NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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LAPU-LAPU CITY, CEBU
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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**
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## Invitation for Bids (IFB)

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Women's Health and Safe Motherhood Project
*Loan No. 3852-PH*

Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Phase III of the DOH Local Area Network Supporting the Logistics Management Information System
*IFB No. WB-3852-PH(2)*

1. The Department of Health has received a loan from the **International Bank for Reconstruction and Development** toward the cost of the Women's Health and Safe Motherhood Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the agreement resulting from this Invitation for Bids.
2. The Department of Health now invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the Supply, Delivery, Installation and Commissioning of Phase III of the DOH Local Area Network Supporting the Logistics Management Information System, which comprises of two lots as follows:

   Lot 1:
   - (a) Interconnection of 12 buildings at the San Lazaro Compound to the DOH-LAN;
   - (b) Supply, delivery, installation and documentation of fiber optic backbone cabling and UTP in-house cabling;
   - (c) Supply, delivery, and configuration of three (3) File Servers and Network Management Software;
   - (d) Integration of existing DOH-LAN with Lot 1; and
   - (e) Training of some DOH personnel on the operation, configuration and administration of the system.

   Lot 2: Includes the supply, delivery, installation, configuration and documentation of the following:
   - (a) 14 units personal computers to be used as workstations;
   - (b) 4 units Notebook Computers
   - (c) 14 units Uninterruptible Power Supply, 600 VA
   - (d) 3 units Uninterruptible Power Supply, 5 KV A
   - (e) 14 units laser printers
   - (f) 1 set MS SQL Server
   - (g) 1 set Anti-virus Enterprise Solution
   - (h) 1 set Network Security Solution
   - (i) 1 set Proxy Server
3. Bidding will be conducted using the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the Guidelines which meet the following minimum qualification criteria:

   (a) Experience and track record on similar contracts:
   - (i) For Lot 1 — During the last three (3) years, the Bidder must have completed a contract involving the supply, delivery, installation and provision of technical support for Information System of similar functional, technical characteristics and of a comparable scale, including cost, as with the requirements of Lot 1.
   - (ii) For Lot 2 — Must have been in operation for the last two years, with line of business primarily in the supply and delivery of computers, software, related equipment and peripherals including provision of related technical services, of similar functional technical characteristics and of comparable scale as with the requirements of Lot 2.

   (b) Financial position:
   - (i) Must have an average current assets to current liabilities ratio of at least 1:1 over the last three years;
   - (ii) Must have been generating a gross sales volume of not less than three (3) times the bid or combination of bids under consideration for award; and
   - (iii) The Bidder should demonstrate that it has access to or has available liquid assets and lines of credit sufficient to meet the cash flow requirement of a bid or combination of bids under consideration for award, net of bidders commitments to other projects or contracts.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Procurement and Logistics Service and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

   Procurement and Logistics Service
   Building No. 26 San Lazaro Compound
   Sta. Cruz, Manila, Philippines
   Tel. No. (632) 711-6831
   Telefax No. (632) 711-6712
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased starting **February 19** until **March 30, 2001** from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address above and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of Five thousand Pesos (P5,000) or US$250 including air courier for foreign bidders. The method of payment will be cash or bank draft. Information including names of potential Bidders and contact persons telephone and facsimile numbers, cable, e-mail and mailing address should be provided in the application to facilitate communications during the bidding process.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address above at or before 10:00 a.m. on **4 April 2001**. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than two and a half (2.5) percent of the amount of bid. Any bid received by the Purchaser after the bid submission deadline will be rejected and returned unopened to the Bidder.
7. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bid conference will be held at the following address at 10:00 a.m. on **20 March 2001**.

   DOH Convention Hall
   San Lazaro Compound
   Sta. Cruz, Manila, Philippines
8. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the above address at 10:00 a.m. on **4 April 2001**.
9. The attention of prospective Bidders is drawn to (i) the fact that they will be required to certify in their bids that all software is either covered by a valid license or was produced by the Bidder, and (ii) that violations are considered fraud which is, among other remedies, punishable by potential blacklisting from participation in future World Bank-financed procurement.

(Sgd.) **DR. ANTONIO S. LOPEZ, MD, MPH**
*Officer-In-Charge*

(PDI--Feb. 17, 18 & 25, 2001)

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# NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

**MA. FATIMA ARMAMENTO ALARCON**

This is to inform the public that **Mrs. Alarcon** of Sariaya, Quezon is no longer connected with the following establishments as of **January 19, 2001**.
**COTTA REALTY AND DEVELOPMENT CORP. AND MP VENTURES INC.**
Any transaction beyond that date entered into by **Mrs. Alarcon** shall no longer be honored by the company.

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**RANDEL B. PROSPEROSO**
1347 Madrid Extension
Tondo, Manila

The public is hereby informed that the following employees, whose appears above, has been terminated from the services of **ABOITIZ ONE, INC.** (formerly ABOITIZ AIR TRANSPORT CORP.) effective **December 22, 2000**.

Any transaction entered by them in behalf of the company on or after **December 22, 2000** shall not be honored. Further, they are not authorized to do collections and/or acknowledge receipt of any papers/documents pertaining to the company.

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**LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES**
Ilocos Lending Center
Pacific Building, E. Ruiz corner F.R. Castro Streets
Laoag City

## INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals for the purchase on cash basis of the properties listed below will be received at Land Bank of the Philippines-Laoag City, Rizal St., Brgy 20, San Miguel, Laoag City not later than 10:00 a.m. on March 12, 2001 at which place, date and time, said proposals will be opened in the presence of attending bidders.

| | DESCRIPTION | MINIMUM BID |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | A 330.00 sq.m. (more or less) lot (Lot # 704-D Psd. 1-015744) located in Brgy. San Jose, Candon, Ilocos Sur under TCT # T-36943 (including existing improvements) | P2,331,450.00 |
| 2 | A 487 sq.m. more or less lot (Lot No. 3393-B Psd-012906-023097) located in Brgy. Ayudante, Candon, Ilocos Sur, along the National Highway under TCT No. T-36942 (including existing improvements) | P2,695,440.00 |
| 3 | A 3,026 sq.m. more or less lot (Lot 8463-A, Psd-01-028726) located in Brgy. Nangalisan, Laoag City under TCT # T-30442 | P998,800.00 |
| 4 | A 7,172 sq.m. more or less lot (Lot 8524) located in Brgy. 51-A, Nangalisan, Laoag City under TCT # T-30440 | P1,972,300.00 |
| 5 | A 1,167 sq.m. more or less lot (Lot 5413-K-1-A, Psd -1-020721) located in Brgy Mangato, Laoag City under TCT # T-30439 | P1,027,400.00 |
| 6 | A 640 sq.m. more or less lot (Plan PSU 183534, LR Case No. N-295, L.R.C. Rec. No. N-24903) located in Brgy. Paratong Narvacan, Ilocos Sur under TCT No. T-28878. (including existing improvements) | P1,637,460.00 |
| 7 | A 1,296 sq.m. more or less lot (Lot No. 29494) located in Brgy. Paratong, Narvacan, Ilocos Sur under TCT # P-38518 (including existing improvements) | P1,906,960.00 |

If for any reason the above mentioned date is declared non-working day, then the public bidding shall be held on the next working day at the same time and place aforementioned.

Copies of (1) Invitation to Bid (2) General Conditions on the Conduct of Public Bidding may be obtained from the Land Bank of the Philippines, Laoag Branch. Prospective bidders are enjoined to inspect the above listed properties before entering their bids. The sale of the properties shall be "As-Is-Where-Is". The winning bidder shall take possession of the awarded property without seeking assistance from the Bank. The award in favor of the winning bidder shall be subject to the approval of the LBP approving authorities.

LBP reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formality therein and to accept the bid most advantageous to the Bank. The decision of the LBP shall be final and binding.

(Sgd.) **CESAR N. ULPINDO**
*Chairperson*
*Committee on Bids and Awards*
*And Disposal of Bank Properties*

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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TOLL REGULATORY BOARD
PASIG CITY

IN RE: PETITION FOR ADJUSTMENT
OF TOLL RATES FOR THE R-1
EXPRESSWAY WITH PRAYER FOR
ISSUANCE OF PROVISIONAL RELIEF

TOLL REGULATORY BOARD
CASE NO. 2001-02

PUBLIC ESTATES AUTHORITY and UEM-MARA
PHILIPPINES CORPORATION,
Petitioners,
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## PETITION

The Petitioners, by Counsel, most respectfully state that:

1. a. The Public Estates Authority (PEA) is a Government Corporation organized pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1084 (the PEA charter) with offices at 7th and 8th Floors Legaspi Towers 200, Paseo de Roxas, Makati City.

b. The UEM-MARA Philippines Corporation (UEM-MARA) is a duly organized and existing domestic corporation with offices at the 9th Floor PDCP Bank Building, 8737 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City

2. On 31 May 1990 the PEA was issued a Toll Operation Certificate by the Toll Regulatory Board (the BOARD) by virtue of which PEA was authorized to design, construct, operate, and maintain the R-1 Expressway (known as the Manila-Cavite Coastal Road) and the R-1 Extension Expressway (up to Noveleta/Kawit, Cavite). Later the C-5 link Expressway was included, as determined by the BOARD.

3 On 24 December 1994, the PEA entered into a joint venture agreement with two Malaysian companies: the Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) and Renong Berhad (Renong) for the development of the aforementioned Expressways. Later, or on 17 August 1995, Renong transferred its rights, liabilities, and obligations to United Engineers (Malaysia) Berhad or "UEM." These Malaysian companies—UEM and MARA—later incorporated themselves into the UEM-MARA Philippines Corporation.

4 On 26 July 1996, the BOARD, the PEA, and the UEM-MARA executed the Toll Operation Agreement or TOA (a copy hereto attached as Annex A) under which, among others, the said parties agreed that:

a) The PEA shall undertake the operation and maintenance, while the UEM-MARA shall undertake the design and construction of the Expressways (Vide: Section 2.01 of the TOA),

b) The PEA shall collect toll from the users of the Expressways, subject to a periodic adjustment of the Agreed Toll Rate every three years, using the formula indicated in the TOA (Please see Secs. 7.02 and 7.04 of the TOA), and

c) Additional adjustment may be granted the PEA in the event of force majeure and/or additional expenses incurred on account thereof, and depreciation, devaluation or appreciation of the Peso against foreign-currency-denominated loans (Please see Sec. 7.05).

5. Conformably with the terms of the TOA, the PEA is currently collecting a toll at the rate of P1.40/kilometer at the R-1 Expressway. The toll for the 6.475 kilometers R-1 Expressway is P9.00, P18.00 and P27.00 for class 1, class 2, and class 3 vehicles, respectively (Ref. Sec. 7.03(1) and Sec. 7.03(2)). For justifiable reasons, the two other Expressways had not been constructed, hence, no collection is being made therefrom

6 a. The Petitioners are entitled to a P0.50 per kilometer increase in toll, under the "periodic toll rate adjustment" provision of the TOA, at the R-1 Expressway, using 30 September 2000 as the rate review date. Attached as Annex B hereof is the computation of the toll rate adjustment.

Also, attached hereto are: the National Statistics Office consumer price index (Annex C) for August 2000 (the month preceding the rate review date) and the Peso foreign rate (Annex D) for the six months period preceding 30 September 2000 as published by the Central Bank of the Philippines.

b. Considering that the Petitioners have not availed of the toll adjustment due on the third year following the execution of the TOA (Ref 7.04(1)(a) first paragraph), they are entitled to recover the unrealized toll rate increase which should have been collected beginning January 2000 up to the present. The recovery of this otherwise unrealized increment may be spread over a period of three years, corresponding to the three-year interval of the periodic adjustment. Equally spread over three years, the per kilometer increase is computed at P0.15. Attached hereto as Annex E is the corresponding analysis and computation with 30 September 1999 as the rate review date.
Attached are the NSO consumer price index (Annex C-1) for August 1999 (the month preceding the designated rate review date), and the Peso foreign exchange rate (Annex D-1) for the six months period preceding 30 September 1999 as published by the Central Bank of the Philippines

7 a. The Philippine Peso has suffered sharp devaluation since the TOA was signed in July 1996 up to the present. Accordingly, the Petitioners are entitled to an additional toll rate adjustment as authorized by Sec. 7.05(1) of the TOA. Based on 30 September 2000 as review date, the Petitioners are entitled to P0.16 per kilometer increase. Attached as Annex F hereof is the corresponding computation of the per kilometer increase in toll as a consequence of the devaluation(s)

b. Again, for the reason that the Petitioners have not availed of this additional adjustment, they are entitled to recover the unrealized toll rate increase which they should have been collecting since January 1999. The recovery of this uncollected increment may be spread over a period of three years through an increase computed at P0.10 per kilometer. Attached as Annex G is the computation of the per kilometer increase

8 The new standards (Annex H) set by the TRB after the execution of the TOA represent cost components which had not been factored in when the initial (and current) toll was approved. The Petitioners submit that they should be allowed to incorporate into the toll the additional cost of the new standards. The analysis of the cost components and the required, corresponding rate adjustment of P0.25/km is presented on Annex I hereof.

9 Altogether, the Petitioners are entitled to a total P1.16 per kilometer rate increase. The rate must, therefore, be adjusted from P1.40/km to P2.56/km. Attached as Annex J hereof is a Summary of Computation that shows the total adjustment applied for and the proposed toll for each vehicle class at the R-1 Expressway

10 There is urgent and compelling need to have the toll rate increased at least at the R-1 Expressway, in order to allow the Petitioners to realize adequate earnings to meet their pay back schedule, to continue operating the tollway as a viable endeavor; to enable them to meet their amortization schedules on their loans, to continue providing adequate, reliable, and efficient service; and to provide them with the means to pursue and undertake planned expansion.

11 The Petitioners are entitled to the reliefs prayed for, as narrated above, as a matter of law and/or based on contract, and equity.

WHEREFORE, it is most respectfully prayed for, upon the filing hereof, subject to the initial findings of this BOARD that the Petitioners be granted provisional authority or approval to adjust their toll rate, ex parte, from P1.40/km to P2.56/km at the R-1 Expressway and, thereafter, to make such approval permanent, in accordance with pertinent laws and rules

Other just and equitable reliefs are likewise herein prayed for by the Petitioners
Quezon City for Pasig City, 09 February 2001.

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Quezon City

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By:

(Sgd.) JAIME G. NAGRAMPA
*IBP No. 521398/15 Jan 2001*
*Q.C.*

**Consolidated**
**Verification and Certification**

We, Carlos P. Doble, General Manager of Public Estates Authority c/o 8th floor, Legaspi Towers 200 Paseo de Roxas, Makati City and Tam Yeng Siang General Manager of UEM-MARA, c/o 9/F PDCP Building, 8737 Paseo de Roxas Makati City, state on oath that:

1 We have been duly authorized to represent our respective companies relative to this Petition which we have caused to be prepared and filed and which we have read and understood, and whose contents are true and correct of our personal knowledge and based on records.

2 We certify that our Companies have complied with all existing laws, rules, and regulations being implemented by the BOARD, and the Petitioners have no pending financial or monetary obligation in the form, among others, of supervision fees, concession fees, penalties, and other charges with the BOARD

3 If so required, the Petitioners are ready, willing and able to post a bond in such amount and from such security and under such terms and conditions as the BOARD shall determine.

(Sgd.) CARLOS P. DOBLE
*Affiant*

(Sgd.) TAM YENG SIANG
*Affiant*

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on FEB. 13, 2001 at Quezon City

(Sgd.) WALTER T. YOUNG
NOTARY PUBLIC
UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2002
PTR NO. A-2065722/1-17-01 QC
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**PEA Tollway Corporation**
**Toll Rates**

| Vehicle Classification | Existing Toll Rate | Proposed Toll Rate |
|---|---|---|
| Class 1 | 9.00 | 17.00 |
| Class 2 | 18.00 | 34.00 |
| Class 3 | 27.00 | 51.00 |

"Any interested expressway user shall have the right to file their comment/opposition to the proposed toll rate adjustment prayed for with the Toll Regulatory Board with address at 2/F Integrated Bar of the Philippines Building, Julia Vargas Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City."

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PUBLIC ESTATES AUTHORITY and UEM-MARA
PHILIPPINES CORPORATION
Petitioners,
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## ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of law and in order to afford the public transparency in the hearing on the TRB Case No. 2001-02, you are hereby directed to cause the publication of the aforesaid Petition for Adjustment of Toll Rates for the R-1 Expressway with Prayer for Issuance of Provisional Relief, including the rates of the toll proposed to be adjusted, as well as the date of the pre-trial hearing and/or hearing on the main thereof scheduled at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 27, 2001, once in three (3) newspapers of general circulation.

You are likewise to include in said publication the following phrase:

> "Any interested expressway user shall have the right to file their comment/opposition to the proposed toll rate adjustment prayed for with the Toll Regulatory Board with address at 2/F Integrated Bar of the Philippines Building, Julia Vargas Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City."

SO ORDERED.
February 15, 2001, Pasig City, Philippines

(Sgd.) MARIANO E. BENEDICTO II
*Executive Director/Hearing Officer*

CF:
1. The General Manager
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# INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals together with 10% bid bond for the purchase on **CASH BASIS** of the Bank properties listed below will be received at the **LBP Multi-Purpose Hall, Wings A & B, Bldg. I** not later than **March 01, 2001** at 2:00 p.m at which place, date & time, said proposals will be opened in the presence of attending bidders.

In case of closely clustered top bids (defined as having the second highest bid which is not below 90% of the highest bid), the opening of the sealed bids will be immediately followed by an open auction in which all bidders whose bids are not below 80% of the highest bid may participate.

| | PROPERTY DESCRIPTION | LOCATION | MINIMUM BID |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1) | 1997 e. blue "Mazda" Familia 323 GLXi with Plate No. WAT-940 | LBP Warehouse, Escala St., Barrio Mambugan, Antipolo City | P 270,000 |
| 2) | 1997 i. purple "Nissan" Sentra Super Saloon Series III with Plate No. UTD-394 | LBP Warehouse, Escala St., Barrio Mambugan, Antipolo City | 255,000 |
| 3) | 1996 gray "Mitsubishi" Lancer GII with Plate No. PWN-291 | LBP Warehouse, Escala St., Barrio Mambugan, Antipolo City | 210,000 |
| 4) | 1996 blue "KIA" Hi-Besta Van, diesel-fed with Plate No. UKK-329 | LBP Warehouse, Escala St., Barrio Mambugan, Antipolo City | 150,000 |
| 5) | 1996 white "Nissan" Sentra LEC 1.3 with Plate No. PYB-498 | LBP Warehouse, Escala St., Barrio Mambugan, Antipolo City | 100,000 |
| 6) | 1996 green "Daewoo" Racer 4-door Sedan with Plate No. PWU-715 | LBP Warehouse, Escala St., Barrio Mambugan, Antipolo City | 50,000 |
| 7) | Three (3) contiguous parcels of land - 103,739 sq.ms. | Palace St., B.F. Homes, Bgy. San Dionisio, Parañaque City | 354,540,460 |
| 8) | 50,547 sq.m. land (Lot I, Blk. 8) | Upper Balulang, Cagayan de Oro City | 209,794,000 |
| 9) | 275.56 sq.m. office/com'l. condominium unit (Unit 12C) w/ three (3) parking slots | 12th Flr., Petron Mega Plaza Condominium Bldg., Sen. Puyat Avenue, Makati City | 20,513,500 |
| 10) | Two (2) contiguous parcels of commercial lot - 463 sq.ms. w/ 3-storey com'l bldg. | B. Aquino cor. A. Santos Sts., Poblacion, Koronadal, South Cotabato | 15,917,300 |
| 11) | 609 sq.m. land w/ 2-storey res'l bldg., swimming pool, perimeter fence | #838 Acacia Ext., Ayala Alabang Phase 9, Muntinlupa City | 15,349,000 |
| 12) | Two (2) contiguous parcels of land - 2,401 sq.ms. w/ improvements | #48 F. Balagtas St., Bgy. Parang, Marikina City | 11,551,000 |
| 13) | 2,716 sq.m. lot with improvements | Ugac Norte Tuguegarao, Cagayan | 8,066,650 |
| 14) | 134,850 sq.m. land | Bo. Navaling, Magalang, Pampanga | 5,125,000 |
| 15) | Two (2) parcels of adjoining lots (Lot 2-A-10-B & 2-A-10-O) - 480 sq.ms. (240/240) with improvements | Sitio Bongbongon, Bgy. Kauswagan, Cagayan de Oro City | 3,187,000 |
| 16) | Two (2) parcels of adjoining lots - 480 sq.m. Lot 2-A-10-A - 240 sq.m. Lot 2-A-10-N - 240 sq.m. | Sitio Bongbongon, Bgy. Kauswagan, Cagayan de Oro City | 480,000<br>520,000 |
| 17) | Two (2) parcels of adjoining lots (Lot 2-A-10-C & 2-A-10-P) - 547 sq.ms. (252/295) | Sitio Bongbongon, Bgy. Kauswagan, Cagayan de Oro City | 876,000 |
| 18) | 59.40 sq.m. residential condominium unit - Unit 8D | 8th Flr. Classica I, Condominium Bldg., No. 112 H.V. dela Costa St., Makati City | 2,673,000 |
| 19) | 195 sq.m. res'l lot w/ 1-storey res'l bldg. | #37 Yakal St., Pilar Village, Las Piñas | 1,720,000 |
| 20) | 307 sq.m. land (Lot 7, Blk. 59A) w/ 184 sq.m. 1-storey res'l bldg. | Bo. Balibago, Angeles City, Pampanga | 1,696,000 |
| 21) | 1,000 sq.m. lot (Lot 29, Blk. 2) | Rodeo Countryside Estate Subd., Phase II, Bgy. Esperanza, Alfonso, Cavite | 1,300,000 |
| 22) | 1,000 sq.m. lot (Lot 3,Blk, 5) | Rodeo Countryside Estate Subd., Phase II, Bgy. Esperanza, Alfonso, Cavite | 1,300,000 |
| 23) | 1,000 sq.m. lot (Lot 9, Blk. 7) | Rodeo Countryside Estate Subd., Phase II, Bgy. Esperanza, Alfonso, Cavite | 1,200,000 |
| 24) | 1,000 sq.m. lot (Lot 12, Blk. 7) | Rodeo Countryside Estate Subd., Phase II, Bgy. Esperanza, Alfonso, Cavite | 1,200,000 |
| 25) | 1,000 sq.m. lot (Lot 14, Blk. 7) | Rodeo Countryside Estate Subd., Phase II, Bgy. Esperanza, Alfonso, Cavite | 1,200,000 |
| 26) | 1,000 sq.m. lot (Lot 16, Blk. 7) | Rodeo Countryside Estate Subd., Phase II, Bgy. Esperanza, Alfonso, Cavite | 1,200,000 |
| 27) | 1,000 sq.m. lot (Lot 18, Blk. 7) | Rodeo Countryside Estate Subd., Phase II, Bgy. Esperanza, Alfonso, Cavite | 1,200,000 |
| 28) | 1,000 sq.m. lot (Lot 3, Blk. 15) | Rodeo Countryside Estate Subd., Phase II, Bgy. Esperanza, Alfonso, Cavite | 1,200,000 |
| 29) | 1,000 sq.m. lot (Lot 2, Blk. 9) | Rodeo Countryside Estate Subd., Phase II, Bgy. Esperanza, Alfonso, Cavite | 1,100,000 |
| 30) | 1,000 sq.m. lot (Lot 4, Blk. 9) | Rodeo Countryside Estate Subd., Phase II, Bgy. Esperanza, Alfonso, Cavite | 1,100,000 |
| 31) | 925 sq.m. lot (Lot 26, Blk. 6) | Rodeo Countryside Estate Subd., Phase II, Bgy. Esperanza, Alfonso, Cavite | 1,017,500 |
| 32) | 925 sq.m. lot (Lot 28, Blk. 6) | Rodeo Countryside Estate Subd., Phase II, Bgy. Esperanza, Alfonso, Cavite | 1,017,500 |
| 33) | 1,000 sq.m. lot (Lot 16, Blk. 13) | Rodeo Countryside Estate Subd., Phase II, Bgy. Esperanza, Alfonso, Cavite | 1,000,000 |
| 34) | 900 sq.m. lot (Lot 17, Blk. 13) | Rodeo Countryside Estate Subd., Phase II, Bgy. Esperanza, Alfonso, Cavite | 900,000 |
| 35) | Two (2) contiguous parcels of land (Lots 7 & 9, Blk. 37) | Joy St., Goodwill Homes I, San Bartolome, Quezon City | 840,000 |
| 36) | 180 sq.m. lot (Lot I, Blk. 2) with 122 sq.m. res'l bldg. | Barrio Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga | 835,000 |
| 37) | 180 sq.m. lot (Lot 3, Blk. 2) with 86 sq.m. res'l bldg. | Barrio Dau, Mabalacat, Pampanga | 515,000 |
| 38) | 502 sq.m. lot | Carmen, Cagayan de Oro City | 753,000 |

If for any reason the above-mentioned date is declared a non-working holiday, then the public bidding shall be held on the next working day at the same time and place aforementioned.

Bidding forms may be obtained from the Office of the Vice President, Special Assets Department (SPAD), Land Bank of the Philippines. Prospective bidders are enjoined to inspect the above listed properties before entering their bids. The sale of the properties shall be "AS-IS-WHERE-IS". The winning bidder/s shall take possession of the awarded properties without seeking assistance from the Bank. The award in favor of the winning bidder/s shall be subject to the approval of the LBP approving authorities/ President of the Republic of the Philippines whenever applicable.

LAND BANK RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE ANY FORMALITY THEREIN AND TO ACCEPT THE BID MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE BANK. THE DECISION OF THE LBP SHALL BE FINAL AND BINDING.

(Sgd.) **GILDA E. PICO**
*Chairman*
*Committee on Bids and Awards*
*and Disposal of Bank Properties*

(PDI - Feb 18. 2001)

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## Department of Agrarian Reform
## AGRARIAN REFORM COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

### ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE OF SOIL STABILIZER IN ARCDP ROADWORK

### INVITATION TO EXPRESS INTEREST

**Background**

The Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project (ARCDP), a six-year development project being implemented by the Department of Agrarian Reform jointly financed by the World Bank, is designed to address the problems of rural poverty through the provision, among others, of rural infrastructure including farm-to-market roads. ARCDP commenced implementation in 1997 and is scheduled to be completed in 2002.

In 1998, soil stabilizer in the construction of farm-to-market roads under the Project was introduced on a pilot basis in view of the potential benefit of having a well constructed farm-to-market roads that could withstand the deleterious effects of rain at a cost equivalent to only about 1/3 of the cost of asphalt overlay or 1/10 of the cost of concrete.

As of June 2000, out of the 586 kilometers of roadwork approved, about 1/3 (202 kilometers) were applied with soil stabilizer. With the growing clamor from the LGUs to use soil stabilizer, the total length is expected to increase to about 300 km by the end of 2001.

**The Study**

The Project is therefore looking for a consultant (includes firm) that can provide a team of experts to conduct the independent review and assessment of this technology in order to (1) validate the technical claims of the product(s) in use, whether they actually result in superior physical improvement of the properties of roads on which they were applied: and (2) analyze in economic terms whether the use of soil stabilizer results in significant savings and is positively a cost-effective and value-for-money investment. The Team shall consist of the following experts with corresponding estimated level of effort:

- Soil Mechanics Consultant-Engineer/Team Leader (36 person-days)—must have a strong background and expertise in soils engineering/science with experience in road/pavement design and construction. Must be adept at conducting and interpreting results of soil field and laboratory tests.
- Financial Analyst Consultant (7 person-days)—an expert in comparative cost-analysis using data available at the ARCDP-Central Project Office, validating and ensuring accuracy of reported data and reliability of assumptions used in cost projections.
- Technical Assistants/Laboratory Technicians - (10 person-days)—to perform field and laboratory tests on sample soils and roads under review.

**Methodology & Scope of Work**

1. Technical Review and Assessment. Both ocular inspection and laboratory tests shall be conducted on two sample sets of completed roads with minimum of one year since completion. First set shall include those that were applied with soil stabilizer, while the second set shall include completed roads that were not applied with soil stabilizer. At least a total of 10 kilometers of soils stabilized roads and an equal 10 kilometers of non-soil stabilized roads shall be included in this review. The two sets shall give a basis for comparison between roads that were soils stabilized and those that were not. During ocular inspection, relevant information on the completed roads shall be collected. Sample survey form is provided as Annex A. Particular attention shall be given to the present condition of the road surface and whether any maintenance work has been undertaken after occurrences of heavy rainfall or flooding. Signs of surface failure of deterioration shall be recorded and probable cause of failure noted whenever such cause(s) is plainly observable, e.g., lack of drainage provision (side or cross drainage), improper shape or inadequate crown, history of flooding, etc.

   Apart from field notes taken during ocular inspection, field and laboratory testing shall also be conducted to document in objective and quantifiable terms solid properties resulting from the use or non-use of soil stabilizer. Field and laboratory tests shall be composed of two sets; first, to describe soil behavioral properties such as permeability, water resistance, plastic index, and shrinkage; and second, to measure strength and compaction properties such as Field Density Test (FDT), California Bearing Ratio (CBR), and possibly when available. Unconfined and Tri-axial Compression and Flexural tests. The first set of field and laboratory tests are important to analyze since water (or too much of it) is regarded as the main aggravating cause in the deterioration of farm to market roads. The second set will reveal success or failure in the conduct of construction implementation as in compaction, acceptability of materials used and faithfulness in heeding other design parameters and whether completed roads have retained these characteristics at least a year after subproject turn-over. Records on file of previous tests conducted during subproject implementation shall be reviewed and utilized as references of benchmarks. Certain ranges in these indices shall indicate whether the soil falls within poor, acceptable, satisfactory or excellent categories.

2. Economic Comparative Analysis. Superior farm-to-market roads resulting from the use of soil stabilizer may be highly desirable but in order to justify their cost effectiveness they should be proven as more economical in the long term. Will the higher initial investment using soil stabilizer result to greater savings from the reduced cost of routine road maintenance? By how much? How long will it take to recover such investment as against conventional (non-use of soil stabilizer) method of road construction? Cost comparison per kilometer of roadwork using soil stabilizer vis-à-vis conventional method shall be conducted using updated unit cost reference. Costs in both cases shall include construction cost of materials, equipment use, labor, and annual routine maintenance cost assuming project life of ten years. Are there other measures that could be taken to achieve the same value-for-money investment other than soil stabilizer?

**Expected Output and Schedule**

| Major Activities and Outputs | Duration of Activity |
|---|---|
| Review of subproject data at CPO; selection of subproject to be visited; finalize detailed methodology and report outline | 2 days |
| Field Visits; data gathering; field and laboratory tests; verify cost references | 3 weeks |
| Data analysis and interpretation; report preparation | 1 week |
| Report presentation | 1day |
| Final Report | 3 days |

Interested consultants are hereby invited to submit a letter of intent and provide information indicating that they are qualified to carry out the study (brochures, description of similar assignments, qualifications and availability of key staff) to the following address on or before **March 21, 2001**:

**The Project Director**
Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project
3/F Ejercito Bldg., 303 T. Morato cor. Timog Ave.,
Quezon City
RE: Review & Assessment of Performance of Soil Stabilizer

Consultants may associate to enhance their capacity to carry out the assignment. The Consultant will be selected in accordance with World Bank and GOP procedures.

(Sgd.) **ADELBERTO B. BANIQUED**
*National Project Director*

(PDI – Feb 18. 2001)

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Republic of the Philippines
Province of Cagayan
Municipality of Amulung
OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

# INVITATION TO BID

The Municipal Government of Amulung with principal office address at Centro, Amulung, Cagayan, invites all interested persons or entities to participate in the bidding for the purchase of two (2) units-Reconditioned Japan: Isuzu DT preferably 10 PCI. 330 HP, 20 tons gross weight capacity (10 Wheeler) and one (1) unit Reconditioned Japan: Isuzu DT preferably 6GBI, 10 tons gross weight capacity (6 Wheeler). The public bidding shall be held at the Office of the Municipal Mayor at Centro, Amulung, Cagayan or at the DILG Central Office at Cubao, Quezon City on February 26, 2001 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

All interested persons or entities are to submit to the Office of the Municipal Mayor not later February 23, 2001 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, vital documents necessary for pre-qualification to be conducted by the Municipal PBAC on the same day.

All pre-qualified prospective bidders are to submit their sealed proposals in two (2) copies to the PBAC not later than the date and time and at the place of public bidding above-mentioned. Proposals must be accompanied with a proposal bond in the form of cash, certified or manager's check, or bank draft, or any combination hereof payable to the Municipal Treasurer of Amulung, in the amount of 5% of the bid proposal, and Two Hundred pesos (200.00) as bidder's fee.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, to waive any formality thereon or to accept such bids as may be considered advantageous to the government.

All communications relative to this invitation must be addressed to the Office of the Municipal Mayor at Amulung, Cagayan.

Amulung, Cagayan, February 12, 2001.

(Sgd.) **NICANOR C. DE LEON**
*Municipal Mayor/PBAC Chairman*

(PDI--Feb. 16, 18 & 20, 2001)

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# NOTICE

**ARLENE Q. GUTIERREZ**

Accounting Clerk for the Finance Department has been terminated for cause from **Jardine Davies Inc.** effective **December 22, 2000**, and is no longer connected with the said Company.

(PDI - Feb. 18, 2001)

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Any party interested to submit his offer to buy shall file a bid surety in an amount equivalent to 10% of the price offer.

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(Sgd.) **CARLOS P. DOBLE**
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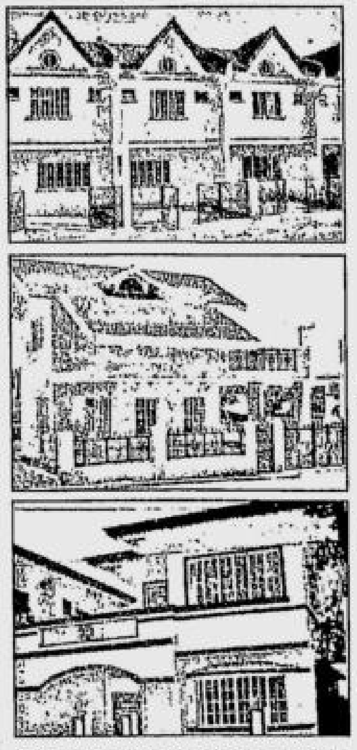

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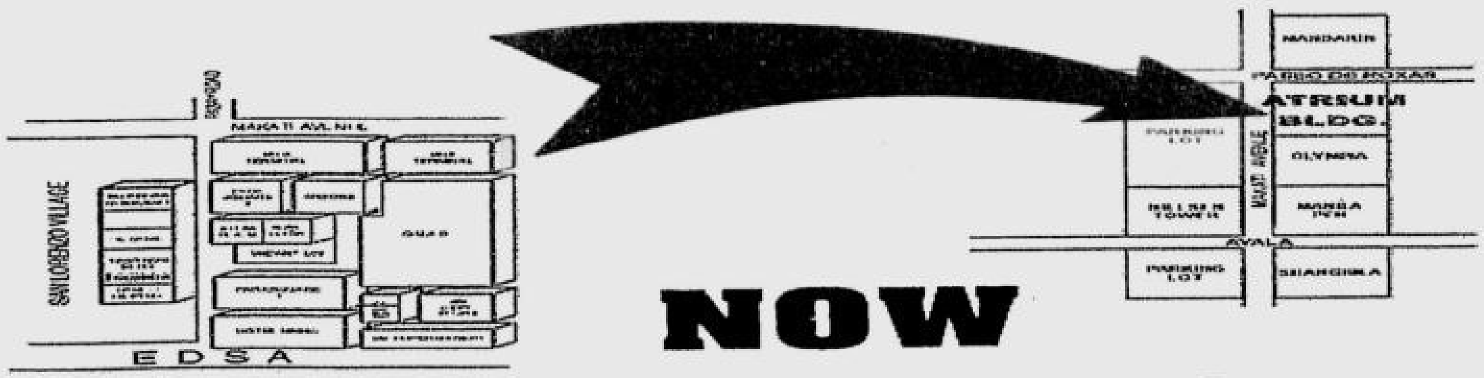

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His bereaved nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalupe, Makati City.

Interment will be on Monday, February 19, 2001 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at the Loyola Chapels.

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*Message of Thanks*

We, the family and relatives of the late

## ATTY. JOSE K. CASTILLO LEE

*who joined his Creator on January 25, 2001*

sincerely convey our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers and donations, kept vigil, attended the funeral rites and condoled with us in our moment of grief.

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## ROSALINDA ROXAS-JUNGCO

Peacefully joined her Creator on February 17, 2001 at the age of 55.

Her loving husband **Atty. Isagani M. Jungco, Sr.**; children **Isagani Jr., Rosalind, Luna Rose**; brothers and sisters, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her body lies at Knights of Columbus Club House Kalaklan, Olongapo City and Village transferred to St. Peter Memorial Homes, Quezon Ave., Quezon City on February 19, 2001.

Interment will be on Wednesday, February 21, 2001 at Holy Cross Memorial Park, Novaliches, Quezon City at 10:00 a.m.

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**Message of Thanks**

We the family of the late

## Dr. Emmanuel Edwin R. Dy

*who joined his Creator on February 1, 2001*

wish to convey our sincerest & heartfelt gratitude to all who offered Masses & prayers, spiritual bouquets, flowers & notes of sympathy, extended support, visited & kept vigil, attended the services & cremation on February 4, 2001, and those who in countless ways condoled, helped & comforted us in the hour of our deepest sorrow.

God bless you all.

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"From darkness let the light shine!"

Genesis 1:3

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## JESUS G. LOBO

**Macabebe, Pampanga and Quezon City**

*Died February 16, 2001 at the age of 92.*

Widow of the late **Lourdes L. Lobo**

His bereaved children **Romulo** (†), **Nars** and **Cora**, **Linda**, **Gerry** and **Violy**, **Butch** and **Tessie**; grandchildren **Romeo**, **Cathy**, **Maria**, **Irene**, **Lulu**, **Johnny**, **Mark**, **Regie**, **Gladys** and **Randy**, **Glenn** and **Toni**, **Nicky** and **Mikey**; dear relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul. His remains lie in state at the Ambassador Chapel, St. Peter Memorial Chapel, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City. Interment will be announced later.

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All interested agencies must submit a Letter of Intent before obtaining bid documents starting **February 14 to 21, 2001** at the PBAC Secretariat Office, Rm 112 A. Mabini Bldg., ULTRA Complex, Pasig City.

A pre-bid conference will be held on **February 28, 2001**, 10:00 AM at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Bldg. I, ULTRA Complex, Pasig City. The submission and opening of bids will be on **March 9, 2001** at the same time and place mentioned above.

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By BONG BARRAMEDA

## Kissing

Studies indicate that during the act of kissing, certain chemicals may be exchanged, one of which is *sebum*. It's a greasy substance secreted by the skin through the sebaceous glands and helps lubricate the skin to keep it supple. Bulk of these glands is located on the lips, face and neck -- body parts associated with kissing. Because sebum dissolves in water, the moistness of kisses helps to transfer the substance from one person to another. The more passionate the kissing, the more sebum is produced. Since sebum is a *pheromone* -- a chemical substance that attracts other members of the same species -- medical researchers believe its interchange by kissing plays a role in the bonding between humans, as in a mother's devotion to her baby. If this is true, then one aspect of love could be defined as the addiction to, or recognition of, another person's pheromones.

**A Friendly Reminder.** Mouth-to-mouth kissing can spread a number of ailments, including mononucleosis, hepatitis, strep throat, and in some rare cases, even syphilis

**Classified Odd.** In the Trobiand Islands off Papua New Guinea, being the object of a woman's love can be a paintful experience for the 'lucky' man. The girls of these islands begin their amorous approaches in a different manner -- by coming near the man of their choice and biting him.

***Past Forward.*** This day in 1564: Michaelangelo Buonarotti, the artistic paragon of the Renaissance Age and arguably Italy's greatest creative genius, died in Rome at age 89. He was equally at east with sculpture, painting, architecture, even poetry, but his first love was for marble and chisel. The *Pieta* and the colossal *David*, both carved when he was in his twenties, are masterpieces, although the extraordinary frescoes of the Book of Genesis that adorn the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel are considered by many as his greatest work.

**WORD WATCH**

**Paragon** (par uh gän) : a model of excellence or perfection.

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# People, Events & Products

REZ GOPEZ-SINDAC, Editor

## Stiefel: At the forefront of anogenital warts treatment

STIEFEL Laboratories, in its continuing effort to advance dermatological research now carries in its product website www.wartec.com, a comprehensive explanation of anogenital warts caused by human papilloma (HPV) that is transmitted through sexual contact. The site also contains information on the advantages of podophyllotoxin, a purified, standardized pharmaceutical formulation and the active ingredient of Wartec, a home medication endorsed by the European Course on HPV Associated Pathology and a product of Stiefel.

Stiefel's Wartec website is targeted at the general public, health care professionals and the media, and is available in eight languages. Health care professionals can access the Wartec monograph, summary of product characteristics and even a diagnosis and patient management Q&A with Prof. G. Von Krogh. A media section containing press release archives, act sheet and a glossary can also be found within the site.

Stiefel Laboratories is the largest private pharmaceutical company specializing in the field of dermatology. Its wholly owned global network consists of 36 sales and marketing subsidiaries, 7 manufacturing plants in 6 countries and R&D facilities on 3 continents. Stiefel supplements its R&D by aggressively seeking acquisitions of dermatological product lines and companies around the world.

In the Philippines, Stiefel continues to reinforce its commitment by catering to the needs of both medical and consumer markets with such quality skin care products as Acne-Aid Bar, PanOxyl Acne Gel and Duofilm Solution. It has become a major part of the local pharmaceutical industry and a by-word in the field of dermatology.

**AYALA LIFE LAUNCHES LATEST INSURANCE PRODUCTS**

Ayala Life Assurance Inc. (ALAI) recently launched its newest range of affordable insurance products to meet the growing insurance and protection needs of Filipino families. The products – Access, Aspire, Advance, Acquire and Achieve – were developed to suit the financial needs and protection of every Filipino family. Present at the grand launching are (from left) agency training department head Eric Perez, Ayala Insurance Companies president Alfonso L. Salcedo Jr., VP for marketing Anthony Parungao and senior manager Grace Guevarra.

**SHOKUJI OPENS AT SM CENTERPOINT FOODCOURT**

Shokuji recently opened its second outlet at SM Centerpoint in Sta. Mesa. Leading the ceremonial ribbon cutting are ( from left) versatile performer Pinky Marquez, restaurant owners Beth and Gary Cabrera of Red Barn Foods Corporation, and (Ret) Brig. Gen. Narciso M. Cabrera. Shokuji offers the best of Oriental meals that are perfectly affordable.

**MLM COMPANY SIGNS UP NS CLUB**

Sundance Direct Sales, one of the country's fastest growing MLM companies, recently acquired the services of Net Surfers Club (NS Club), in a simple signing ceremony where Sundance formally announced that NS Club shall provide its Internet access and related services to fast-track it business communications. NS Club, on other hand, pledged 100 percent support to Sundance's efforts by guaranteeing hassle-free Internet access service and superior web hosting facilities. Shown are (from left) NS Club officials Liza Masagca and Volet Rojas, and Sundance executives Bibi and Peter Yu.

**INTERNET AWARD**

Online directory and entertainment guide ClicktheCity.com was named the first Ericsson Mobile Internet Site of the Year at the recent Philippines Webby Awards. Shown are Ericsson's director Mona Magno-Veluz (center) and Computer World's president Willy Chua (right) awarding a plaque to a representative of ClicktheCity.com.

**NATASHA BRANCH IN DAGUPAN CITY**

Natasha, the networking company with dealers nationwide to market shoes, bags, apparel and new personal dare products recently opened another new branch at the ground floor of Store 2, PC Fernandez Building, Perez Blvd., Dagupan City. The new outlet brings Natasha's recruitment, networking and delivery services to Pangasinan and other provinces in the Central Plain of Luzon. Shown blessing the new branch is Fr. Rey Romero, rector of Mary Help of Christians Seminary. Also in photo are top dealers Molex Mojares, Gilda de Guzman, Elvira Ventura and Marilou Santos.

## New computer training center opens in Makati

A COMPUTER training center for I.T. professionals and enthusiasts recently opened in Makati City. WorldWeb Centre, Philippines offers up-to-date web-based education to IT and non-IT professionals.

Located in the hub of the busy Makati business district, WorldWeb Centre specializes in short-term courses like- e-commerce application and Internet-based skills especially web-page design and development. For its initial e-commerce offering, WorldWeb Centre hired David Paraiso Jr., a US-based e-commerce expert to put together a comprehensive seven-month program. A well-known educator and I.T. advisor to the US government, Paraiso is a respected member of the Electronic Commerce Institute Advisory Board, the highly regarded e-commerce training organization in the US.

Besides e-commerce, World Web Centre also offers short-term courses in Java Programming, business application modules on Project Management and Software Project Planning and Management, etc.

This early, WorldWeb Centre has already won world-wide recognition when it became a Sylvan Authorized Prometric Testing Center (APTC) and when the University of Cambridge authorized it to become a Cambridge International Examination Center (CIEC).

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For more information, contact Pines Paulino or Bianca Talorong at 893-3907 and 894-0038. Or email at pines@sti-edu.net or bianca.talorong@sti-edu.net.

## Italian fashion items at 50 percent discount

JUST when you thought you got the better end of the deal at the ongoing "Great Italian Sale" with its 30 percent discount, think again, Linea Italia now offers the best price slash ever as hundreds of Italian fashion items are now available at 50 percent discount.

Fashion wear by Versace, Versus, Dolce & Gabbana, Philosophy di Alberta Ferretti, Gianfranco Ferre, Mariella Burani, Gallia, Navajos, Roberto Guidicci, Trussardi and Marco Gabbriellini are just some of the hottest designer brands up on sale. Also check out the wide belt, bag, shoe and accessory collection from Italy's premiere fashion houses that are now available at unbelievably low prices.

Linea Italia shops include Linea Italia 6750, Linea Italia (SM Manila, Ayala Center Cebu, SM Megamall, Alabang Town Center), Versace Jeans Couture (Greenbelt Mall), Prima Linea (Greenbelt, SM Megamall, Ayala Center Cebu), Viva (SM Megamall, SM Cebu), Linea Uomo (Alabang Town Center, Park Square I, SM Cebu, SM Megamall); Uomo Tu (Greenbelt Mall, Ayala Center Cebu) Capolinea (Greenbelt, SM Cebu).

BITS Clips

### RP's first mortuary school appoints head

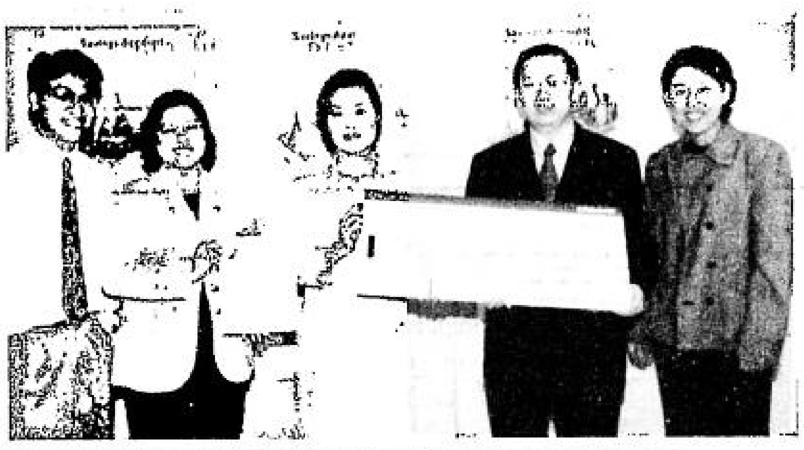
LOYOLA Memorial Chapels in Guadalupe, Makati City has commissioned Donald McElroy, CEO of the American Mortuary Services Inc. of Dallas, Texas, to lead in the instituting of its mortuary school, the first to be ever put up in the Philippines. Born in Texas, McElroy has spent more than 40 years in the mortuary business. McElroy's contract with Loyola runs from a minimum of two to five years, during which time he will initiate technology transfer and invite interested teachers to apply. His initial plans from then on will be to conduct training and seminars in Metro Manila and in the provinces, then gradually work his way around Southeast Asia.

### SJI marks 50th anniversary

ST. JOHN Institute of Bautista, Pangasinan will celebrate its 50th anniversary on March 3, 2001. A homecoming of all its alumni starting from its first batch of graduates in 1952 will highlight the celebration. The whole day affair will start with a grand parade and a motorcade in the morning and a grand alumni night at the Plaza Auditorium in the evening. All graduates are enjoined to attend this grand celebration. For inquiries, call the secretariat at 075-5923405 or at sji@digitelone .com.

### 50% off at Planet Sports

PLANET Sports, the multi-branded sports and lifestyle shop, offers customers as much as 50 percent off on select items until the end of February. It has seven outlets that offer a wide array of the latest apparel and footwear for various athletic needs from the world's leading brands like Adidas, Nautica, New Blanca, Nike, Royal Elastics and Wilson. Planet Sports can be found at Power Plant Mall Makati, Festival Supermall Alabang, Karrivin Plaza, Pasong Tamo Ext., Makati. Rockwell Proshop, Rockwell Center Makati, Robinsons Place Los Baños, Ayala Center Cebu and Robinson's Place Cebu. The sale also extends to four others stores owned by Planet Sport, Inc. namely, Kidz Station, The Athlete's Foot, Nike Stadium and New Balance concept store. For further details, log on to www.planetsportsinc.com.



**TRAVEL FREE WITH YOUR CITIBANK ACCOUNT**

Citibank recently announced the winners of its Go Places, Fly Free promotion, opened to new and existing savings and checking account holders from June to November last year. Lee Jung Ryan (center) of Makati City won the grand prize of roundtrip airline tickets for two around the world and US$5,000 pocket money. At the awarding rites, Lee was joined by Citibank officers (from left) Nick Panes, Ginbee Go, Vic Lim and Liel Gonzales. Other prizes given away by Citibank include roundtrip airline tickets for two to Europe, the United States and Hong Kong, all with corresponding travel allowances. Twelve Samsonite travel luggages were also raffled off as additional prizes.

**BURLINGTON GETS SLAZENGER LICENSE**

Top hosiery maker, Burlington Industries Phils. Inc. was recently granted a license to locally manufacture and market Slazenger socks by Dunlop-Slazenger Int'l Inc. Shown during the signing of the licensing agreement are (from left) Cecile Reyes, general manager of Dunlop-Slazenger; Ruddy Tan, general manager of Burlington; and Roland So of Dunlop-Slazenger. BIP Inc. is also the company behind Burlington, Puma and Bally socks.

**EXHIBITS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

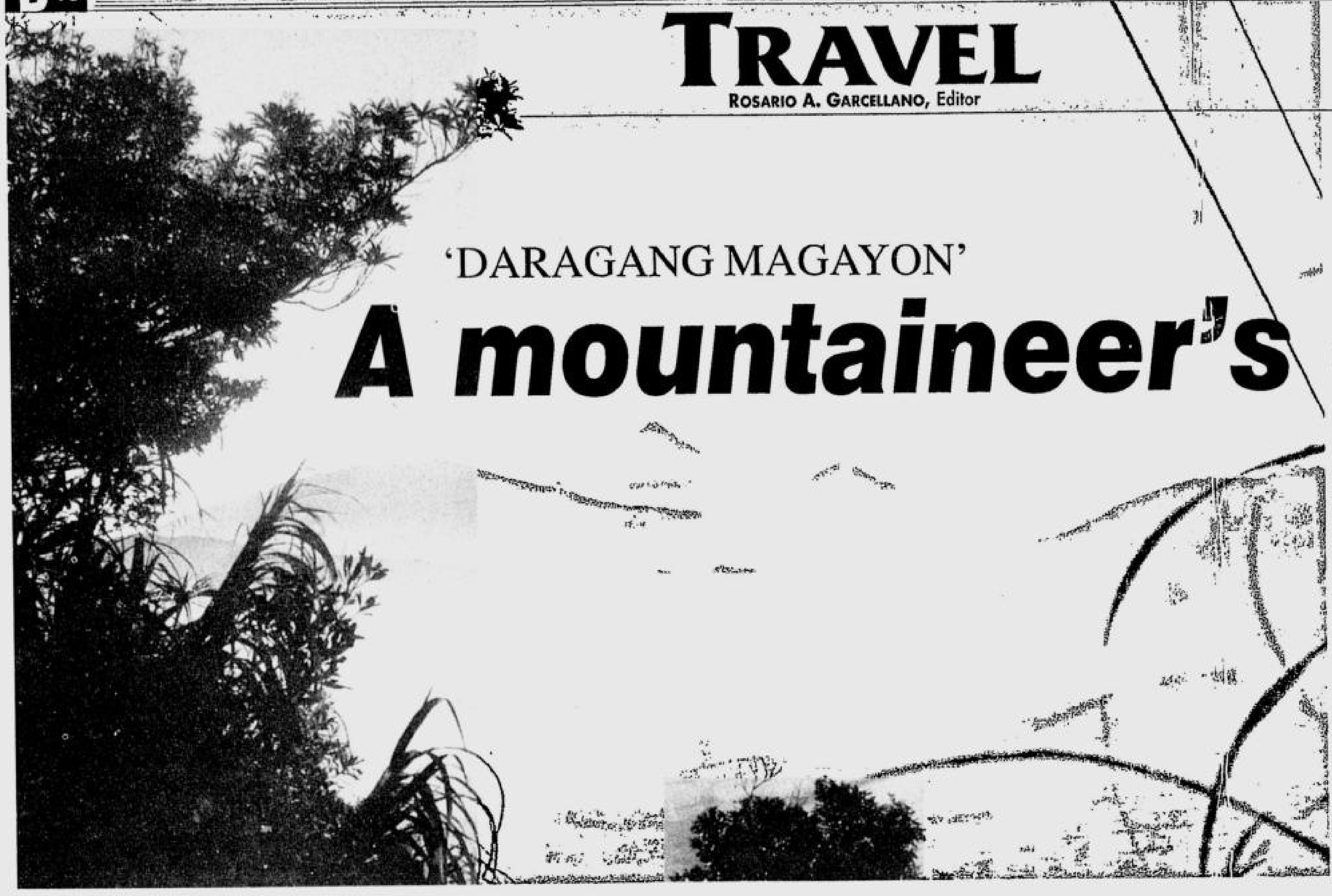
School children receive instructions on ways to protect the environment while viewing the "Science of Man and the Environment" and "Underwater Adventure" exhibits at the 2nd level of the Uniwide Coastal Mall along Roxas Boulevard in Parañaque City. The exhibit is open daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Feb. 28, 2001. For reservation, call Joe Cabanez at 879-0054, 879-0160 or email quest@vasia.com.

**MOTOROLA-KFC BUCKET MEAL PROMO**

Motorola Communications Philippines Inc. together with KFC teams up for the Pokemon Bucket Meal promo. Families who upsize their bucket meals at any KFC branch will get a chance to win the latest WAP-enabled phones from Motorola. At the recent awarding ceremonies, Ellen Suarez, marketing manager for Motorola consumer solutions group South Asia (fourth from right) and Bong Cleofe, marketing officer for KFC (third from right) give the Motorola phone prizes to the lucky winners of the raffle promo. Also in the photo are the major winners of the Motorola cellular phones.

# TRAVEL

ROSARIO A. GARCELLANO, Editor



## 'DARAGANG MAGAYON'

# A mountaineer's dream

She was exactly like her name—serene, lovely beyond compare

BY ED G. YU

**AS the saying goes, a picture speaks a thousand words. That is basically true, but in the case of this piece describing the story behind the picture of Mount Mayon, shot together with other Bicol mountains, the cliché falls short of the required number of words. But this is the tale behind the shot.**

We decamped early, at around 5 a.m. We wanted to avoid the heat of the sun because it would be a long haul going down. We were some 4,500 feet above sea level on Mount Isarog (6,500+ft ASL) in Camarines Sur.

We started our way down with our backpacks. The sun was barely showing its face, but it threw a spectrum of colors our way. It was, so to speak, a superb day to die.

The sun's soft, golden rays were like tiny searchlights piercing the thick foliage around us. Early-morning dew glittered like diamond-and-silver drops, hanging from leaves and tree branches everywhere I looked. And the blades of grass on the crisscrossing trail were like a carpet that exploded into minute rivulets as my hiking boots plodded by.

Looking up, I marveled at the natural chandeliers fashioned by the leaves of the giant trees. The rhythm of my heartbeat and labored breathing was like static compared with the symphony of birdsong and the incessant serenade of crickets.

The cool breeze was refreshing, and the mist, actually low-lying clouds, was like a blanket of smoke and cotton, smooth and sweet to the face.

I saw the mist rolling in from afar. It hovered and then appeared to vanish. And yet it was there, surrounding me, clasping my body like a lover.

We walked for about 30 minutes, not uttering a word but captivated by the exquisite beauty around us, sharing the joy of communing with God's creation.

The trail led us to a small clearing. And lo and behold, right before us was our inspiration for climbing—the majestic Mount Mayon, not only Bicol's but also the entire country's pride, guarded by the mighty mountains of Malinao, Masaraga and Asog.

She was exactly like her name: Daragang Magayon, a beautiful maiden, proud, serene and lovely beyond compare.

What was it that drew me to mountaineering? I guess it was the feeling of being near Him, of having the moon and the stars as my illumination at night.

From up there, buildings were tiny sparkling boxes, rivers were golden serpentine tracks, and islets were well-manicured gardens enclosed by the deep blue mirror that is the sea.

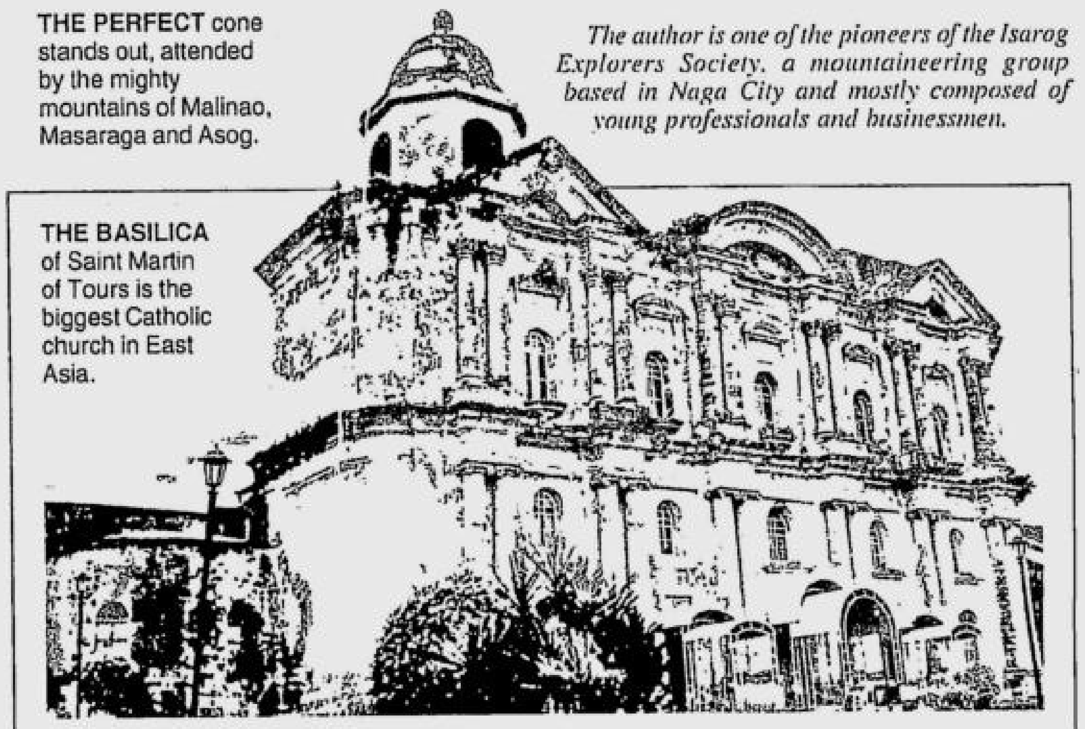
However, all these fell short of the ecstasy of standing on the summit. It was a feeling beyond description, a convergence of mixed emotions, of mortality and immortality merged into one.

Mortality because of the epiphany that my presence there was a mere speck in the cosmos, God's singular creation. Immortality because I felt like having conquered a mighty mountain, and there I was looking down at the rest of civilization and, at the same time, being kissed by clouds.

But then this sudden realization: I did not conquer anything—certainly not the mountain—and I did not prove anything by climbing mountains. In the end, I only conquered myself.

*The author is one of the pioneers of the Isarog Explorers Society, a mountaineering group based in Naga City and mostly composed of young professionals and businessmen.*

**THE PERFECT** cone stands out, attended by the mighty mountains of Malinao, Masaraga and Asog.



**THE BASILICA** of Saint Martin of Tours is the biggest Catholic church in East Asia.

# In tranquil Taal

AN IDYLLIC place famous for centuries-old Catholic churches, *balisong* and heroic tales, Taal is considered the oldest town in Batangas. It is known for the world-famous Taal Lake and Taal Volcano. It is also the birthplace of a number of Filipinos who made their mark in history, among them Marcela Agoncillo, maker of the first Philippine flag.

Taal is also known for the fine art of embroidery, which was practiced even before the arrival of the Spanish colonizers. Even now, it is not uncommon to see girls as young as six years turning out intricate designs in embroidery classes.

An attraction for visitors to the town is the Basilica of San Martin of Tours, reputed to be the biggest Catholic Church in East Asia. It is so huge that it can house another big church!

Augustinian missionaries built the basilica in 1572 to honor Taal's patron saint, Martin de Tours. It was destroyed in an earthquake in 1849, and in 1856, the architect Lucina Oliver supervised the construction of the present edifice.

The basilica is unique in the sense that it combines patriotic, religious and artistic influences. It is a fusion of styles, and features arched openings, alternating segmental canopies and arches of asymmetric shapes.

A stone's throw from the basilica is another pride of Taal, the church and sanctuary of Our Lady of Caysasay. It houses priceless relics of the Spanish era. Among these are the 27-centimeter image of the Virgin Mary, which was fished out of the waters in 1603; the Augustinian emblems engraved on the communion rails; the ornately carved receptacle of holy water; and the few remaining pieces showing Baroque motifs.

"The church has been renovated but many interesting art details of the period can still be appreciated. The natives of Taal, young and old, have learned to appreciate history, and that is a good sign," says native Taal resident Emmanuel Villegas.

Because the town stands out as a special destination in the Southern Tagalog region, and because quite a number of people have considered building their homes there, Taal has been attracting reputable land developers and investors.

In fact, Taal is among the potential investment sites identified by the Department of Tourism, by virtue of the excellent preservation of Spanish and American colonial houses, churches and other public structures, as well as its proximity to such destinations as Tagaytay City and the provinces of Batangas and Cavite.

The town is also being developed for residential estates in preparation for the planned conversion of the Port of Batangas into an international port of entry.

Land developer Carmona Ventures and Resources Development Corp. (CVRDC) is one of the first that recognized Taal's potential as an investment site by venturing into a residential development project called Buckingham Hills.

Inspired by the elegant old-English housing style, Buckingham Hills is an upscale community within a 15-hectare estate offering housing lots to residents of Taal and nearby towns.

CVRDC president Roy Bagatsing is confident that given Taal's location and natural attractions, Buckingham Hills would be able to provide "a better lifestyle" in this part of Batangas.

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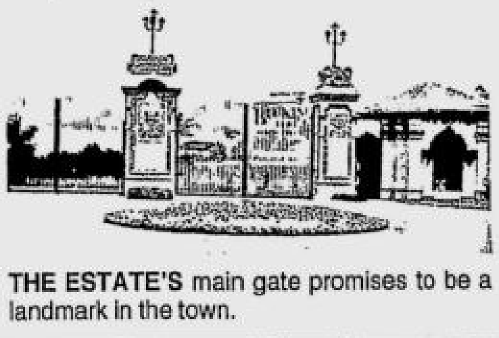

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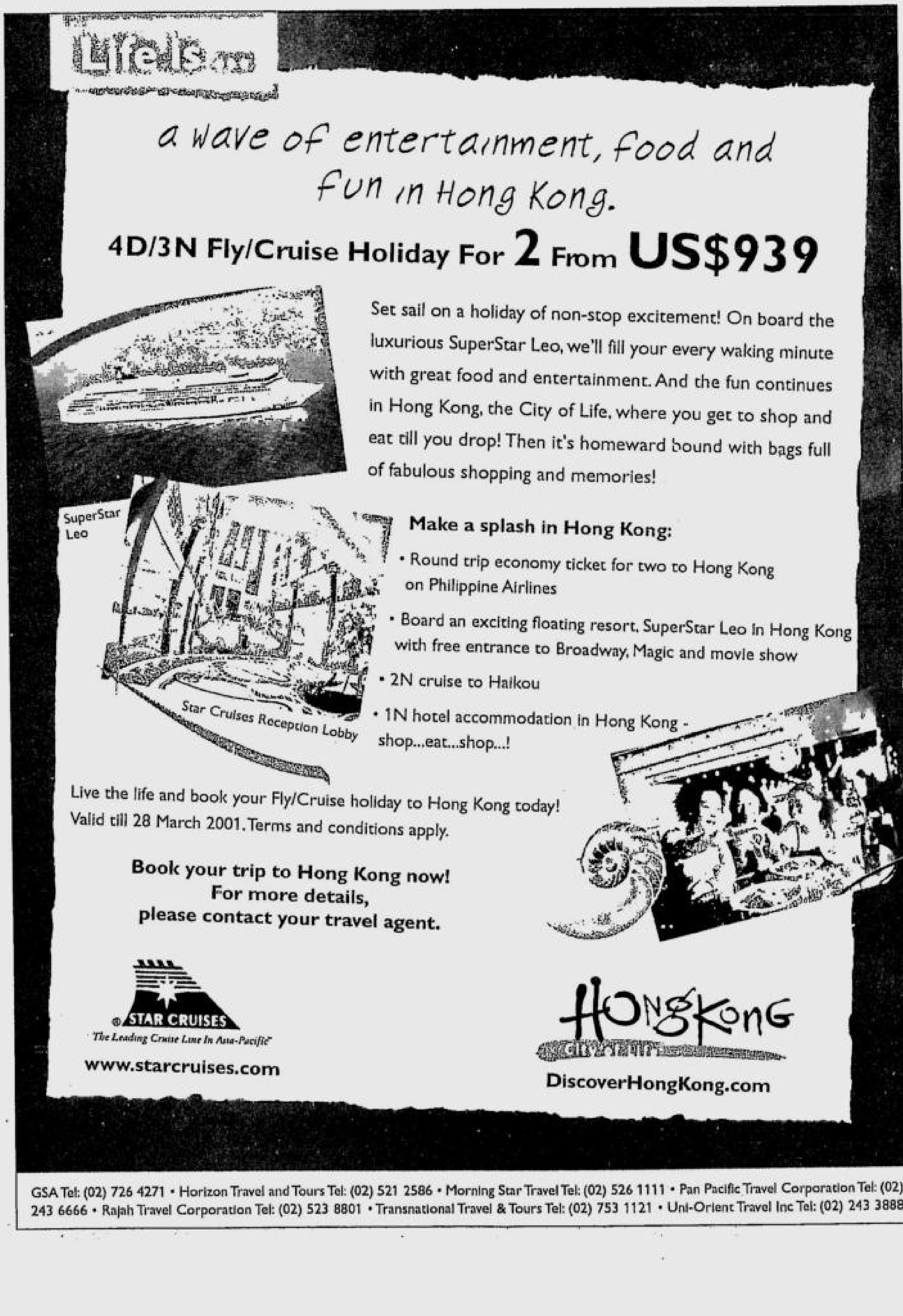

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Sunday LIFESTYLE
CHELO BANAL-FORMOSO, Editor

# From Scholastican to militant

BY CONSTANTINO C. TEJERO

The school run by Benedictine nuns seeks to produce women of 'finished character.' That character was very evident when Clarissa Ocampo took the witness stand and several other graduates took to the streets during Edsa II

**LAST December, when Equitable PCI Bank senior vice president Clarissa G. Ocampo appeared on TV as a witness in the impeachment trial of former President Joseph Estrada, a nun of the Good Shepherd Convent in Quezon City was shocked.**

Sr. Mary Ofelia Endaya, RGS, blurted out to herself, "Clarissa Grey—my student!" Is this the little girl who sat before me in the classroom for four years at St. Scholastica's grade school?

In January, while still at a safehouse with other witnesses who stood up to the President, Ocampo wrote her mentors: "Please allow me to thank you for the basic foundation in my character you helped build. I was in St. Scholastica for 17 years and there's no denying that you have been instrumental in strengthening the values my parents instilled in me at home."

After seeing Ocampo on TV and learning she was a Scholastican, journalist Paulynn Paredes Sicam, also a Scholastican, went teary-eyed and said to herself: "I should have known. Unmistakable! *Matatag*."

"That's the hallmark of a Scholastican," says Sicam. "When she sets her mind to something, she'll do it. *Kung may* commitment *siya, gagawin niya*."

Sr. Mary John Mananzan, OSB, president of St. Scholastica's College in Manila, agrees. "She's a typical Scholastican and we are, of course, very proud of her."

This is one of the school's value-related goals: the sense of self-affirmation that enables responsible decision-making.

Run by Missionary Benedictine Sisters, the school offers what its prospectus describes as "an education that blends pedagogy, innovation, professionalism, emphasizing academic excellence for social responsibility."

The mission: "To educate Scholasticans to be true and finished women of character, approaching life in the 21st century with a sense of God and a strong service commitment to a globalized society, especially to those who have less in life."

### The strong woman

This molding of a strong woman, intelligent while very socially oriented, is what gives rise to the perception that there is a culture of militancy in the school. It is somewhat confirmed when one finds at the forefront of almost every pro-people campaign or antigovernment rally a phalanx of Scholasticans from different generations, both students and alumnae.

One of them, Cherith Dayrit, reportedly the political officer of the armed propaganda unit of the New People's Army, made news last year when she was killed by the military in Isabela. She had been student council president and a double-major graduate, cum laude.

Ruth Cervantes, former president of the College Editors Guild of the Philippines and editor of the school journal The Scholastican, is now a national figure in street demonstrations and the alliance officer of the political party Bayan Muna.

So, is there a Scholastican culture?

"It depends on how you define *culture*," says Sister Mananzan. "I can't say there is such a culture because we haven't made a study. But if you mean being socially conscious, I can say that our students from kindergarten to college are progressive as a whole."

Cecile B. Gutierrez, vice president for academic affairs and a Scholastican from kindergarten, winces when the term *militant* is mentioned. "I won't say 'militant,' but a 'progressive' way of thinking. We inculcate in our students a solidarity with the poor and the oppressed, a concern for all, to alleviate suffering. We always feel that there should be justice and equality for all."

How is it then that the activism of these

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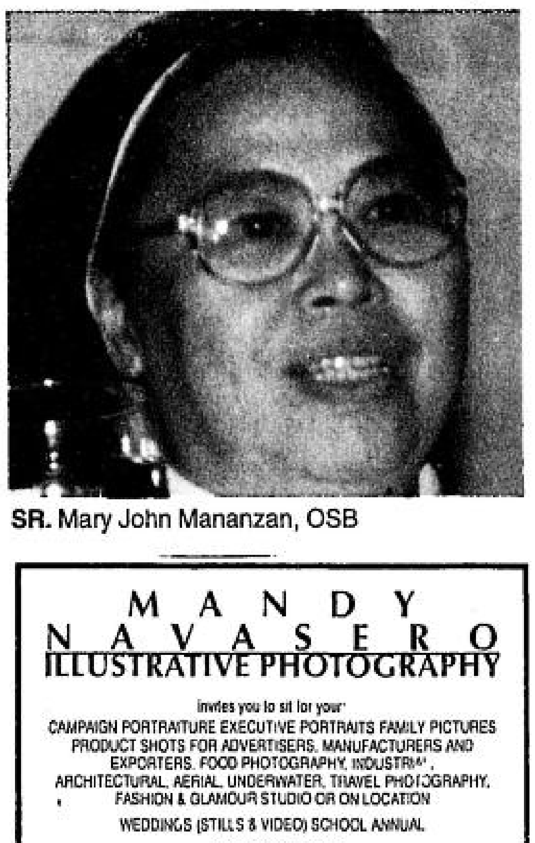

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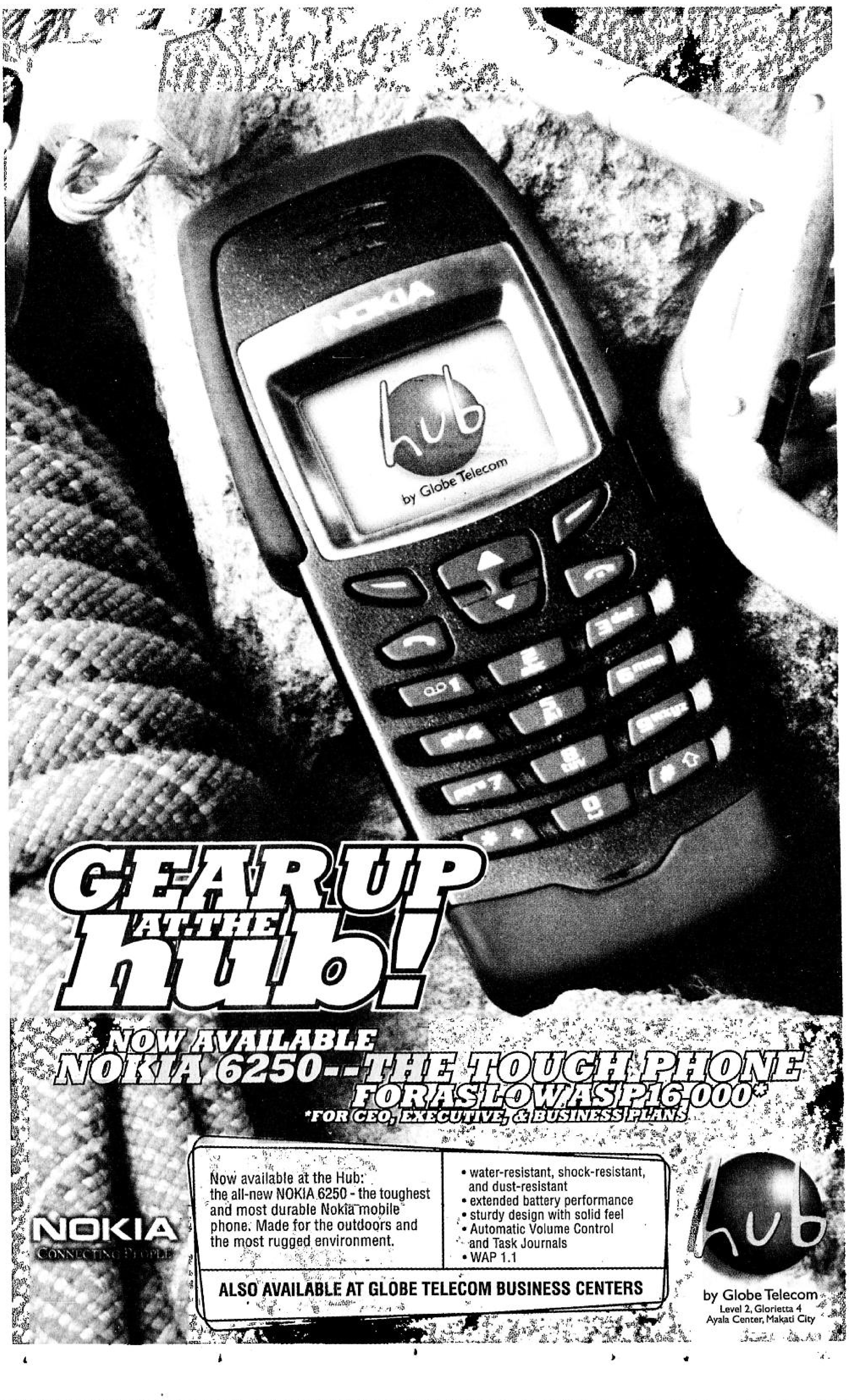

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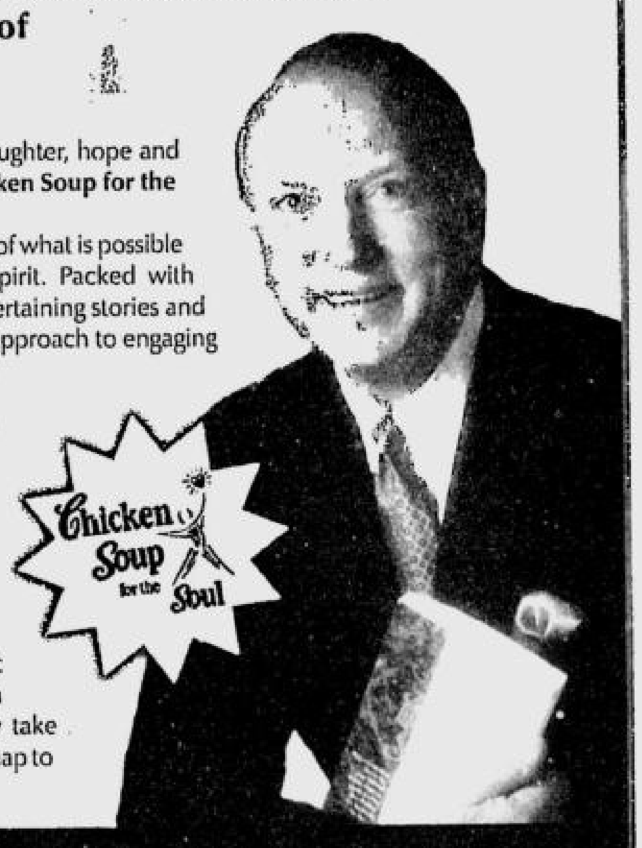
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Dr. Gene Abes

SORE THROAT CAN BE MORE SERIOUS THAN YOU THINK.

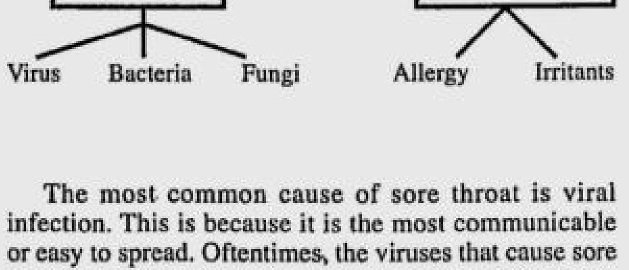
*Dr. Gene Abes, a Master of Public Health graduate, is the chairman of the ENT Department of the Philippine General Hospital.*

Sore throat is often dismissed as just a minor inconvenience. But did you know that there is more to sore throat than the common tao already knows? Discover how sore throat can signal the onset of a more serious infection. Let me first talk about the basics about sore throat.

WHAT IS SORE THROAT?

Sore throat is more of a descriptive term. It connotes pain in the throat and the pain felt when you swallow. In medical terms, sore throat is called pharyngitis or pharyngotonsilitis - inflammation of the pharynx and often the tonsils.

The cause of sore throat may either be infectious or non-infectious:



The most common cause of sore throat is viral infection. This is because it is the most communicable or easy to spread. Oftentimes, the viruses that cause sore throat are the same viruses that cause colds or flu. That's why when you have sore throat, you may eventually develop colds or even fever a few days later.

If the cause is bacterial, you may develop secondary bacterial infection. Unlike viral infections, which eventually clear up in 5-7 days, bacterial infection may last longer and will require the use of antibiotics.

WHAT ARE THE COMMON SYMPTOMS OF SORE THROAT?

Dryness of the throat, a burning sensation, itchiness and even cough. Notice that when you develop sore throat, you also experience dry cough? This happens because the sensory nerves lining your throat are the same nerves which initiate the coughing reflex. So, when these nerve fibers are inflamed, any slight irritation on this area will make you cough.

HOW DO YOU TREAT SORE THROAT?

Take appropriate medicine if you have colds, cough or fever. Drink nutritious liquids like soups if it is painful to eat solid food. Avoid smoking. Get plenty of rest.

And to combat sore throat, use an oral antiseptic with Hexetidine to help relieve you from the pain and bring back the normal count of the bacteria residing in your throat. Hexetidine is an active ingredient which clings to the tissues of the oral cavities thereby protecting you from further growth of bacteria for as long as 12 hours. And as such, it may prevent secondary bacterial infection, and you will not be constrained to take costly antibiotics.

Mentholated candies or non-prescriptive lozenges, on the other hand, may be used to relieve the pain. While some brands claim antibacterial action, they fail to provide lasting antibacterial activity.

When you have a sore throat that lasts for more than 7 days, it's better to get your doctor's opinion.

*Read more about sore throat in next week's column.*

Hexetidine
Bactidol

Leaves bacteria dead.

# Reflections on nationalism

**MUSTARD SEED**

*Joseph Galdon, S.J.*

I REMEMBER we studied a number of national reflections when we were in high school. There were several national poems that I liked very much. They are relevant for the United States, but also for the Philippines, and for all other countries in the world as well.

Gail Burkett has a nice little poem: "I live in a land where people are free, and joy is belonging to me. Love shelters my home like a tree, and the doors of the church are open to me. Our schools unlock treasure with truth as a key. A whole world of wonder is waiting for me. Because I live in a land that is free, the future shines golden for me!"

Another political poem is very nice: "The things that will destroy us are politics without principle, pleasure without conscience, wealth without work, knowledge without character, business without morality, science without humanity, and worship without sacrifice. Two important things must dwell in any land if it is to endure and prosper well. One is humanity true and good, and one is an altar kept alight." These are truly inspirational poems for our nation.

### Lincoln's thoughts

We also studied Abraham Lincoln in high school. His writings were very thoughtful and prayerful. He was American, but his thoughts are valuable for all nations in the world. We can translate for our centennial in the Philippines what Lincoln said in his "Gettysburg Address": "A hundred years ago, our fathers brought forth a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a struggle, testing whether our nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. It is for us to be dedicated to the task remaining before us—that we have increased dedication to that cause for which our founders gave the last full measure of devotion, that we now resolve that they shall not have died in vain, that our nation, under God, will have a new birth of freedom, that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Lincoln's spiritual reflection is also very good for us. He said: "We have been recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in number, wealth and power, as few other nations have grown. But we have forgotten God! We have forgotten His loving hand which preserved us in peace, multiplied, enriched and strengthened us. We have vainly imagined that all these things were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us." That is a good thought for us, too, as we celebrate the Philippine Centennial. The poems and national thoughts we studied in high school are good reflections for our country, too.

### Prayers for our country

There are also many good prayers for us to pray. St. Paul says we always ought to pray for our country, so that we can live in peace and love. Several of the Psalms are prayers for our country. Psalm 74 says: "Remember the people, Lord, whom You chose to be Yours. Remember the covenant You made with us. There is violence and corruption in every corner of our land! Don't let the oppressed be defeated! Let all the poor and the needy people praise You!" Psalm 79, a "National Lament," says: "Help us, God our Savior! Rescue us and forgive us our sins, so that our people will praise You. We, the sheep of Your flock, want to praise You for all time to come." Other psalms continue the prayer of Psalm 79: "Bring us back to You, God! Show us Your love and we will be saved. Lord, You have been kind to our land. You have made us prosperous. You have forgiven our people's sins and pardoned all our wrongs. Show us Your constant love, Oh Lord, and give us Your saving help."

American Patrick Henry prayed: "Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death."

A great American song is the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." It is a good prayer for every country in our world. The lyrics say: "My eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord. He is trampling over the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored. His truth is marching on. Glory! Glory! Glory Hallelujah! He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave. He is wisdom to the mighty. He is honor to the brave. So the world shall be His footstool and the soul of sin will be His slave. Our slave is marching on!"

Another prayer for our nation says: "Almighty God, who has given us this good land of ours, we humbly beseech You that we may always prove ourselves to be a people mindful of Your love and glad to do Your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties. Fashion into one united people the multitude of many cultures and languages in our country. Endow with wisdom those to whom we entrust the authority of government in your name, that there may be justice and peace in our country, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth Your love among the nations of the earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in days of trouble do not let our trust in You fail—all this we ask through Christ Our Lord."

### Thank you, Lord!

European Grenville Kleiser has a very nice poetic prayer that we memorized in high school. He says: "Father, we thank You! We thank You for peace within our favored land. For things to give to those in need. For grace to help in thought and deed. For faith to talk, our hands in Thine. For truth to know Thy law divine. For strength to work with voice and pen. For love to serve our fellowmen. For light to see the good of You. For life to live alone for You. Guide us through our perilous path. Teach us love that cures our wrath. God of grace, hear our call. Bless our gifts, Giver of all. The wounded heal, the captives free. Make us a nation more faithful to Thee."

Psalm 85 tells us: "We ought to listen to what God is saying. He promises peace to us, his people, if we do not go back to our foolish ways. The Lord will make us prosperous and our country will produce rich hearts. Psalm 89 promises: "Lord, we will always sing of Your constant love. At all times we will proclaim Your love. We know that Your love for us will last forever and is as permanent as the sky." These poems, these thoughts, these psalms and prayers, are really good reflections on our country. Thank You, Lord!

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# Her parents are so strict that she cannot entertain suitors

**LIVE AND LET LIVE**

*Tita Dulce*

**DEAR Tita Dulce,**

**I'm 20 and a college student, but up to now my parents won't let me have a boyfriend. Not until I have a stable job, they said. I have obeyed them and ignored my suitors, until Ryan came. He courted me and we went steady without my parents' permission.**

**We went on dates secretly, but I felt very guilty for fooling my parents. I can't find the guts to tell them because my mom is often sick and she tells me not to give her headaches. So Ryan and I decided to end our beautiful relationship. It's so sad because we never quarreled. Up to the end of our relationship, my family never knew about him.**

**Ryan promised he would wait for me. But I fear he might fall for someone else and I will lose him.**

**Tita, why are parents like that? Why can't they understand that I am a normal person and have feelings? I love them but I wish they weren't so strict.**

**RIA**

Parents are that way because they worry a lot for their children. They can't help it—not after being around this long and seeing a lot of nice things go wrong.

Love is a beautiful thing, but a lot of things could go wrong with it. An example of that is the story of Jinky, whose letter we will feature in this column next Sunday. She was just a year older than you are now when she became a single mother. Today she is still groping for a way for her and the father of her 2-year-old baby to get together.

We dread getting our hearts broken in love, but that's probably the least we should worry about. Some who make really big mistakes also get hurt big time—with a broken life. Parents don't want anything "broken" for their children, and one way they ensure that is by being "strict." It's their way of stopping you from climbing a tree because you might fall. You might, of course, climb to the topmost limb and get down without any incident. But if you indeed fall, the inescapable conclusion would be that you would not have fallen had you listened to them in the first place.

Your parents would not object noisily to your climbing a tree, however, if you've made them confident you can handle the risk—say, you've shown them you never had an accident when you use the ladder, or you're always careful in all things you do. The same principle could apply to earning their permission to have a boyfriend: Give them reason to believe you can be trusted with the responsibility of a relationship.

If a girl has been responsible and honest in other aspects of her life so far, then her parents have little reason to deny their permission outright. They might lay down a few conditions, but, all the same, they'll give her the permission. However, if the girl has often been caught lying or cheating to escape her responsibilities or, say, she still has to be reminded to clean the bathroom when she's through, or to start reviewing well ahead of her exams, or to brush her teeth before going to bed, then I don't think her parents will give her such permission—her age of 20 and their great love for her notwithstanding.

Your parents told you that you should postpone having a boyfriend "until you have a stable job." Don't be intimidated by that. For them, it is more an expression of a wish than an imposition of a condition. Parents know very well that getting a stable job depends on a lot of factors, and a girl might already be in her 30s before she attains such a job. Most parents, therefore, are willing to compromise. They would not object to their child having a sweetheart at an earlier age as long as they are convinced their child has proven herself to be mature and responsible.

I don't think you'll have difficulty meeting that part about honesty. I note you broke up with Ryan because you felt guilty about disobeying your parents. You could have taken refuge in the thought that what your parents didn't know won't hurt them, but you did not. That speaks well of you.

It speaks well of Ryan, too, that he agreed to the breakup simply on the basis of your plea to listen to your conscience. Just for that, I'd say he's worth missing now.

Your fear of losing him is understandable but, in the long run, it might be unnecessary. Even if he were still your boyfriend, the possibility that you could lose him to someone else will always be there. Your hold on him now is even more tenuous. His pledge to wait for you can be broken much easier than a marriage contract—which, even with its legal and sacred image, seems to be easy enough to break or annul these days.

The better and practical attitude, I think, is for you to do your best (within limits, of course) to keep him and your special friendship. Then should you still lose him, accept the fact that you were not meant for each other, and be glad that you had not given him more than your heart.

### A reader's reaction

I READ your response to Betrayed in last Sunday's column. I want to reassure her of two things: 1) It isn't your fault; 2) if your husband told you that he loves you and won't do it again, take his word for it.

I don't want to sound like a man-hater, but men think with their you-know-what. They go for something without thinking about it. But if you come

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**PAULYNN** Paredes Sicam

# From Scholastican to militant

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women seems more prominent than those from other girls' schools?

"You couldn't say St. Scho is more activist," says Sicam. "I think St. Theresa and St. Scho *medyo pantay*."

Florina F. Castillo, principal of the grade school since 1983 and also a Scholastican, agrees. "St. Theresa's College is very socially oriented, but not as visible. Assumption has a very good social program, *pero* quiet, *hindi maingay katulad namin*," she says.

## A monastic education

The school was founded on Dec. 3, 1906 by Mother Ferdinanda and four others in a small house on Moriones Street, Tondo, starting with six paying students and 50 "scholars." The following year, it moved to a bigger place on San Marcelino Street in Malate to accommodate a high school and several student boarders.

Today the flagship school on Leon Guinto Street has an enrolment of 6,500 from kindergarten to college.

It has sister schools throughout the country which are among the prime academes in their respective regions: St. Agnes in Legazpi City; St. Scholastica in San Fernando, Pampanga; St. Scholastica in Bacolod, and Holy Family Academy in Angeles City. Opening in June is St. Scholastica-Westgrove in Silang, Cavite.

The behavior, attitude and actions of a typical Scholastican student may be said to be largely shaped by Benedictine education. It is an education with a monastic character and a very strong sense of community governed by a Holy Rule.

She is being trained to lead a life regulated by the motto *"Ora et labora"* (Pray and work). It is a shared prayer life surrounded by beautiful liturgy. Remember that the Benedictine monasteries were "the repositories and vanguards of learning and culture in the Middle Ages."

So of course the girls' school on Leon Guinto still has that impregnable atmosphere of a convent or a monastery amid the riot of street vendors, motorists, pedestrians, mulcting policemen and drug pushers in that part of the metropolis. Walking softly on the grass under its ancient trees, wending your way around a pergola, and treading through its hushed shadowy hallways, you feel you're in another world, in another time.

## Twilight of an era

"During our time, when the school was still run by German nuns, they imposed strict discipline, obedience to rules, piety, and there was an emphasis on academic excellence," recalls Cecilia Muñoz Palma, former justice of the Supreme Court, who belonged to High School Class 1931. "We were taught foreign languages—French, German—music, literature, history. The idea was to produce a very educated girl in a convent-like atmosphere. I remember there was a student from a rich family who was expelled because she danced ballet in a program outside the school. *Dapat mahinhin, masunurin, tahimik,*

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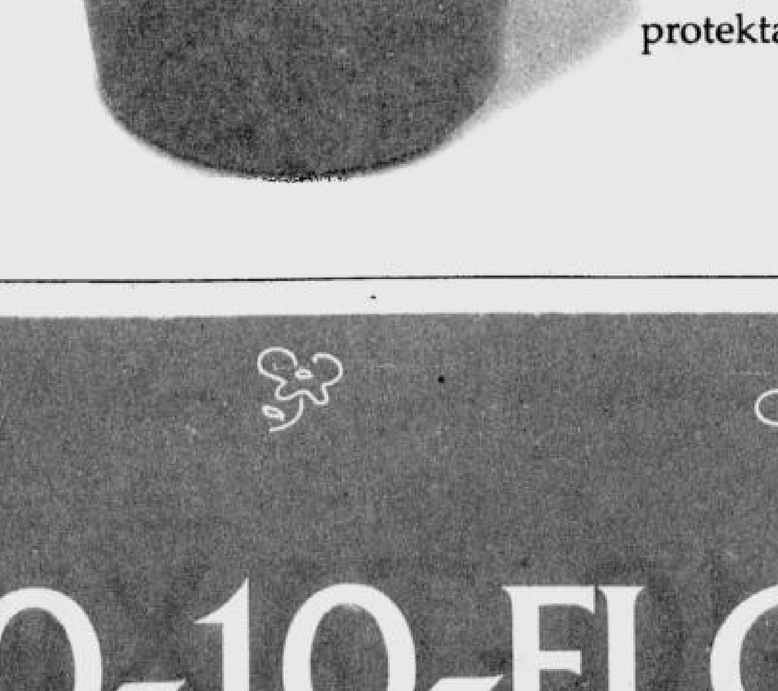

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**CECILE** Gutierrez

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Everything that she was not, Ms Palma now laughs. "My conduct was very bad. For instance, there was a rule of 'No speaking during mealtime,' but I was a talkative child. So I often got punished, like being made to stand in the corridor or in a corner."

So she was already a child rebel as early as the 1920s? "Oh, no, not rebellious—just naughty," Ms Palma says.

And was that why she didn't go to college at St. Scholastica? "My mother wanted me to be a pianist. *Hindi ko kasi kursunada...* I wanted to be a singer... And my father was a lawyer, who was in love with the poor—so I followed in his footsteps," she adds.

Sicam, who was in High School Batch 1963 and graduated with an AB English degree in 1967, remembers the twilight of that era. " When you were kneeling, the hemline of your dress should touch the ground. *At kailangan nakakamison ka,* not just bra. There was this girl who was made to do board work in our math class, and while she was standing there writing on the blackboard, the teacher (a German nun) shrieked across the room: 'Harlot!' We all turned and saw that the girl was not wearing a bra. She was driven out of the classroom. *Kami talaga,* Wow! *nakakatakot!*"

There was still an elitist image about the school in her time, but she had witnessed the crumbling of the citadel, so to speak, says Sicam.

"I don't know if it was a conscious shedding," she says. "But it did disappear, very gradually. *Pag-alis ng mga* Germans and the Filipinos took over, *mas* 'user-friendly' *na*. The younger nuns were socially aware."

## The roots of militancy

And this was when the roots of militancy started to stir?

"Oh, gosh!" Sicam exclaims. "The word *militant* was not yet used then. Those were our milk-and-cookies days. We were socially aware, yes, because we had a students' outreach where we visited poor communities, Sapang Palay, Vitas in Tondo, the home for the aged, Welfareville. But it was not the time to take these issues to the streets. We were not yet *hinog*. Our social concern was more into networking, meetings, volunteer organizations. We organized children and taught them catechism, but we were required to then, and we got credits for it."

Sicam continues with a trace of excitement in her voice: "We missed the real activism by a year. It was only after I graduated from St. Scho. *Ang* class *nina* Maan Hontiveros *ang napurungan.* You know, it was the time of Joma Sison, the KM [Kabataang Makabayan]. But it wasn't UP that influenced St. Scho in activism. It was La Salle, the group of Chito Sta. Romana—*doon nagsimula.* I had a friend, a Benedictine nun, who disappeared and became an NPA. But I was introduced to the streets only

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FLORINA Castillo

# From Scholastican to militant

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when I started covering the student beat for the Chronicle in 1969. I've always been a reporter."

The upsurge of social ardor and zeal for justice on the St. Scholastica campus Castillo traces to the Vatican itself.

"When the Church called for social justice at that time, it was actually a call to all Catholic schools," she recalls. "And all the Catholic schools redefined their emphasis in education from purely academic excellence to education for justice. But it seemed stronger here with us maybe because of the leadership. [Sr. Manansan was the college dean in the 1970s.] Starting in 1975, the social orientation of the school became its major concern. *Maaga lang kami na-liberate from book learning.*"

Being the administrator of the grade school, and espousing a newer mode of learning called the experiential method, Castillo is practically the molder of future militants. And she is only being true to one of the school's milieu-related goals: love for one's country that deepens the commitment to empower the marginalized.

But she's too humble to own up to it. "The first St. Scholastica in a small fishing community in Tondo—*siguro doon nagsimula ang* social consciousness *ng mga* Scholastican," she says, smiling slowly. "You know the roots begin in school."

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Henry Tenedero, head of the Center, recently gave Corazon D. Santiago, regional director of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports-National Capital Region, a copy of the educational programs of the Center, which is involved in the promotion of learning styles, multiple intelligence, emotional literacy and character education.

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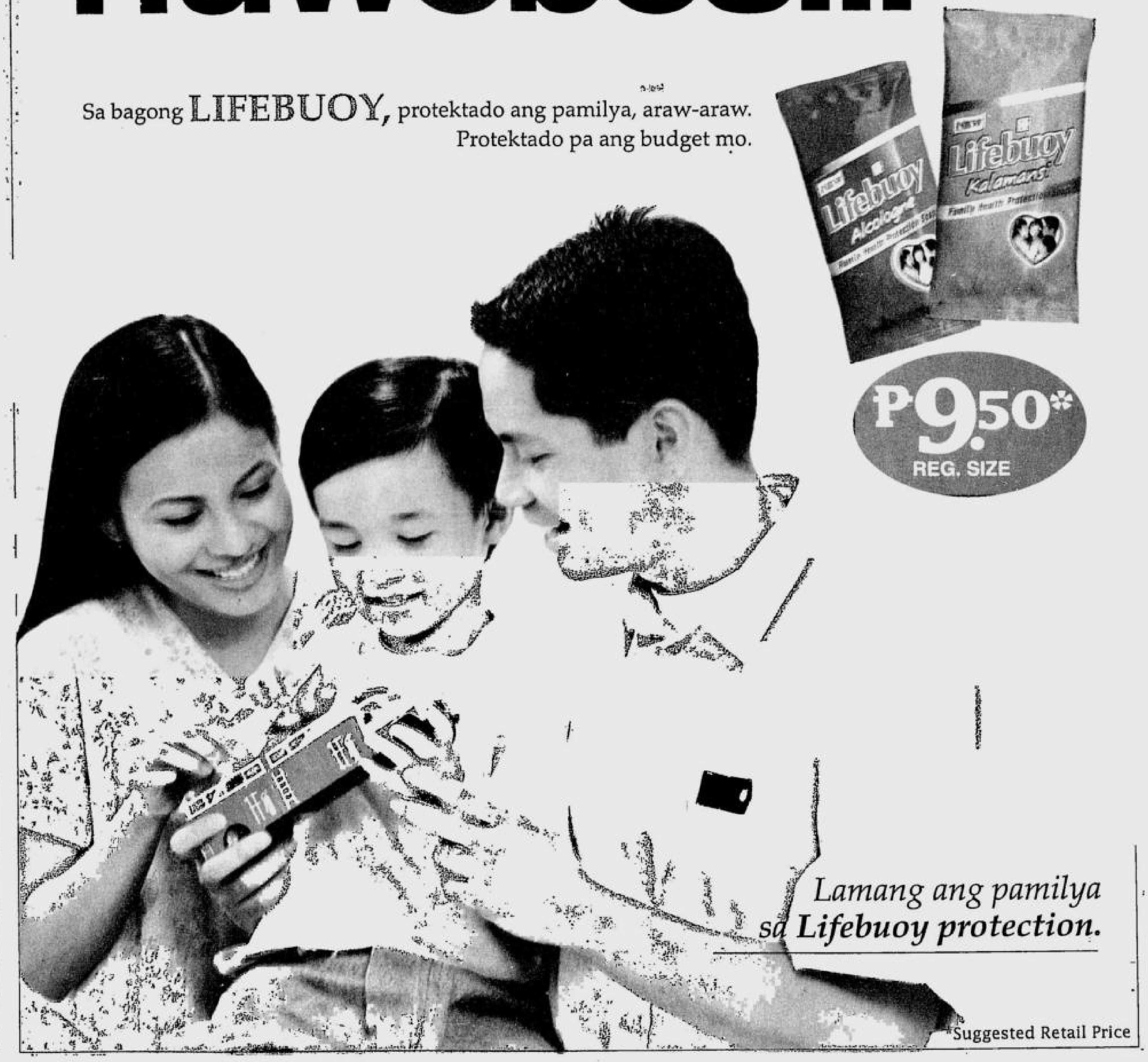

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# The teacher is present and she's on the air

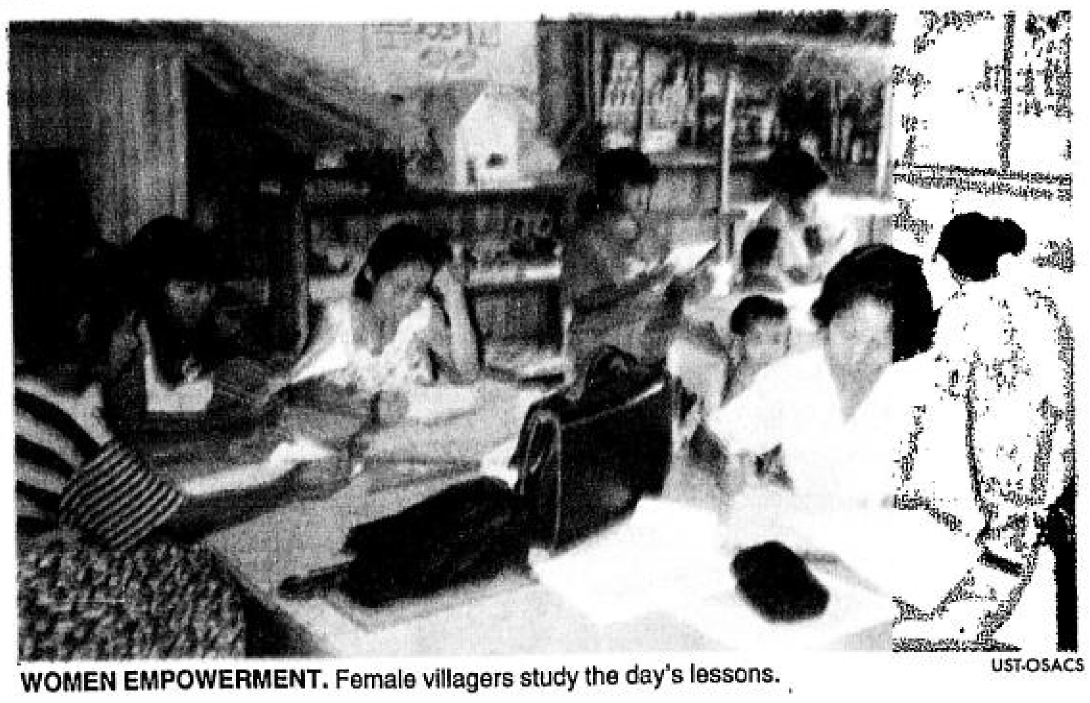
BY ALEX Y. VERGARA

UST's unique adult distance education program serves Aetas displaced by Pinatubo in Tarlac

EVERY afternoon for almost two years now, Ilyang Probo and her neighbors, mostly women, huddle in the village's makeshift learning center made of exposed hollow blocks, *sawali* panels and GI sheets to take part in the day's lesson. Just like a typical classroom, a teacher sets the tone for the discussion, often eliciting myriad reactions and throwing back questions at Ilyang and her friends.

Unlike your regular classroom, this one gives lessons several times a week for free. Students, who are classified either as *kulot* (curly) or *unat* (straight-haired), come in all ages and sizes, and equipped with varying degrees of education and exposure to the outside world. While some are fortunate enough to have finished high school, others have never spent a single day in grade school.

What about the teacher? Most of the time she's nowhere to be found in the room. She's not peddling *tocino* and Avon products to make ends meet, mind you. Rather she's based somewhere in Manila giving lessons to an unseen class 93 km away via two-way radio, which runs on a car battery in the absence of electricity.



**WOMEN EMPOWERMENT.** Female villagers study the day's lessons.

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A parateacher in the person of Lucy Guya, also an esteemed member of the community who's fortunate enough to have reached first year college, helps facilitate lessons at the site. Students also have written and oral exams, but not as often and as tough as you'd imagine.

Written exams, although standardized, often cater to the student's education or lack of it. The best part, perhaps, is there are no right and wrong answers. And nobody's bound to fail from trying.

Welcome to the University of Santo Tomas' adult distance education for poor and isolated families of Sitio Malasa in the town of Bamban, Tarlac. The project, said to be the first of its kind in the country, has been developed and implemented by the UST's Office of Student Affairs and Community Services headed by Dr. Evelyn Songco.

## Deeper need

"Mt. Pinatubo's eruption led us to these people," says Songco, the group's very first distance teacher.

The veteran educator, who conducts lessons from UST's radio room located on the fourth floor of the College of Education building, has developed modules on the environment, the first of several subjects that were lined up for discussion.

After twice a week lessons on *kapaligiran* (the environment), Ilyang and her classmates are now learning various livelihood projects on air under a new teacher. A second batch under parateacher Mary Jane Manalo is taking over where Ilyang and company left off. Future subjects include sanitation, responsible parenthood and community life.

"Our outreach program in the area has been an eye-opener," Songco adds. "After helping them augment their basic needs, we have been exposed to a deeper need—a hunger for self-improvement through education."

True enough, students are made up mostly of displaced Aeta families and their equally disadvantaged brothers and sisters from the lowlands. Together, these poor and struggling Filipinos have found a sanctuary in Sitio Malasa, a small, peaceful community of huts, wood and concrete dwellings somewhere in the mountains of Bamban, more than two hours away from Manila.

Soon after the program went on air in Malasa, a separate one, with a different time slot, was launched in nearby Sitio Mabilog. Thanks to the wonders of technology, Songco has been able to conduct simultaneous classes for some time now. Students from the two communities take turns giving answers through their respective two-way radios.

But before the program could take off, Songco and her team of fellow educators, student volunteers and engineers had to hurdle a number of obstacles. First was how to gain the people's trust. Many of the Aetas, for instance, had been living in isolation since the time of their ancestors. Others were simply reluctant to join for fear of discrimination.

"Through our regular relief efforts," says Songco, "they grew accustomed to our presence. We learned a lot from them. After we did a two-month study, we were able to determine what they really need and want."

Songco had heard about similar programs in Vietnam and Australia, but she and her team were at a loss on how to implement one. In fact, she tried to seek advice from a group of Australian educators with a similar experience among the country's Aborigines. For some reason, the partnership never went beyond the initial meetings.

Teaching them the rudiments of reading, writing and arithmetic were out of the question. Doing so, she reasons, will simply bore the others and make futile the entire effort. Since they had varying degrees of knowledge, Songco conceptualized a pilot program that was acceptable and relevant to all.

## First-day jitters

"Many signed up at first," says Lucy in Filipino, "but because of conflict with their work, some were unable to attend succeeding sessions. Others felt awkward going back to school so they begged off. Those who stayed behind were mostly women."

Lucy giggled as she recalled her neighbors' first-day jitters, which were apparent for several months. Many were reluctant to even sign up and asked a string of queries not even Lucy

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**MT.** Pinatubo led Songco and UST to these people.

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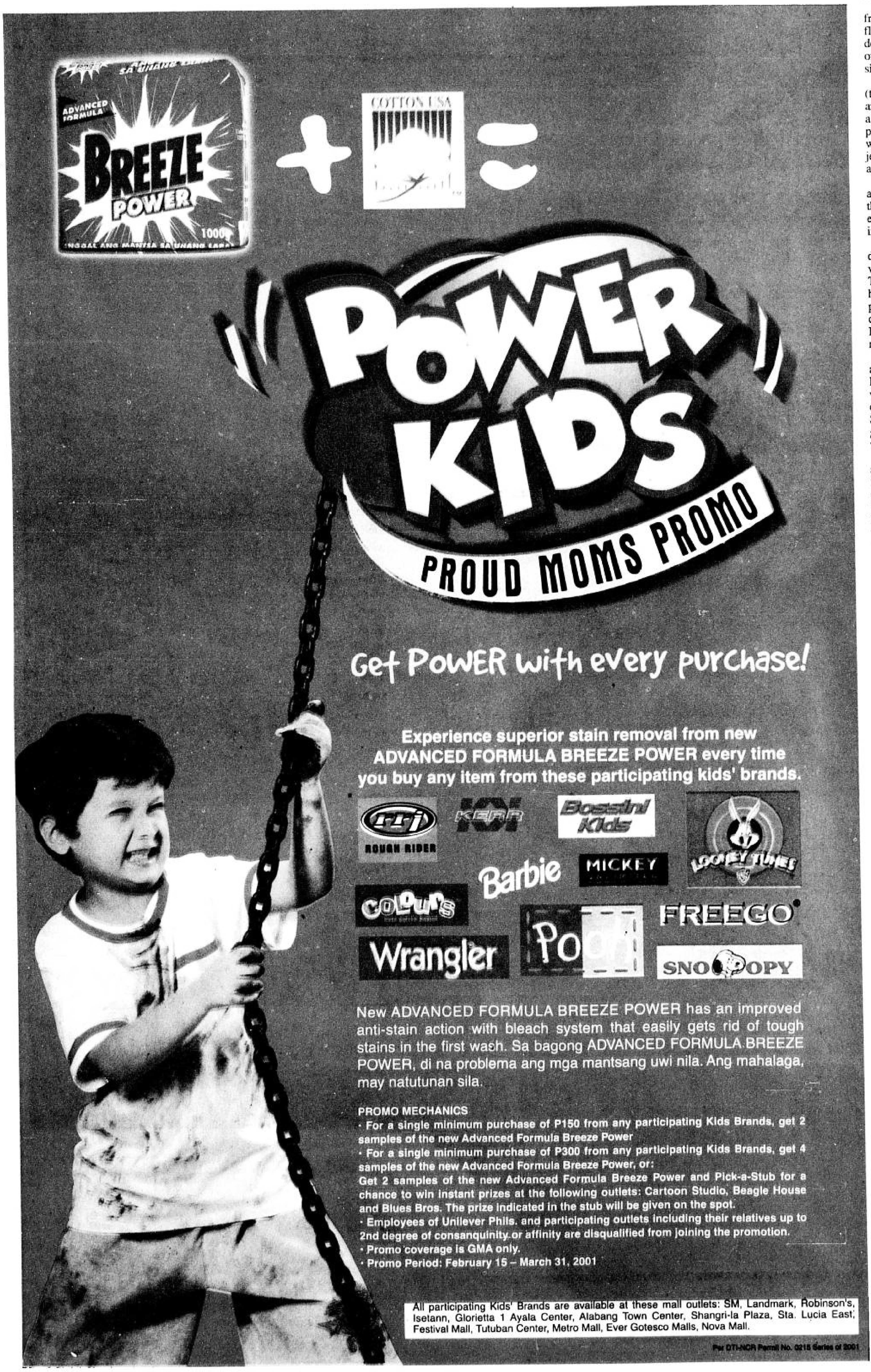

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## BATTLE COMMANDS

xmen

To join the school for the first time, key-in: **xmen** and send to **2324.**

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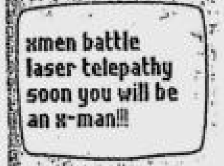
Creating your character, key-in: **xmen [code name] [birth date/mm.dd.yyyy]** and send to **2324.**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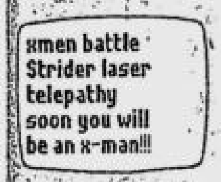
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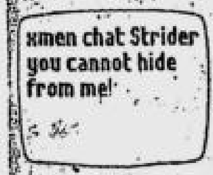
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To chat with another player, key-in: **xmen chat [code name] [message]** and send to **2324.**

## OTHER COMMANDS:

- To check the information on your own game character, key-in: **xmen stats** and send to **2324.**
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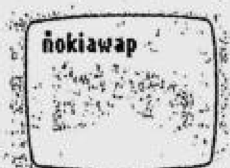
**Here's how to get started on the X-MEN: The Mobile Game via WAP:**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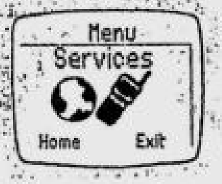

2. If your WAP handset is already configured, go to the services menu of your WAP-capable phone and click on Home.

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3. You will then see a prompt advising you that you are being connected to the service.

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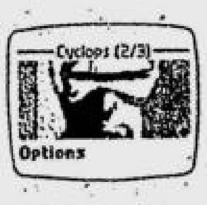
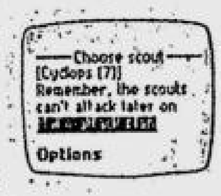
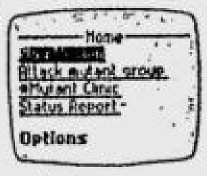


**STARTING THE MISSION:** Click on **Start new mission** on the main menu. To start a mission, pick one city out of three alternatives. After you have chosen the city, you can either send a scout or make an attack plan.

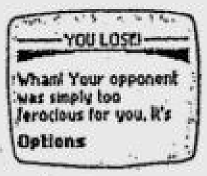


Remember, the scouts can't attack later on

**SENDING A SCOUT:** To collect more information about your opponents in the chosen city you can send a scout. Do this by clicking on **Send a scout.** Each scout that is sent brings back information on one of the opponent's team members; name, location, and mutant ability level. This information should help you to make your attack plan. The scout, however, cannot be used in combat.

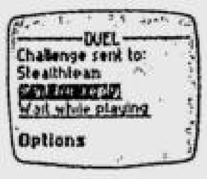


**ENEMY:** An attack plan is made by clicking on **Make attack plan.** You are presented with pictures of the specific targets. The pictures help you to assign the targets according to your team members' special skills. When a mutant for each target is chosen, click **Launch attack** and that will start the attack.



Wham! Your opponent was simply too ferocious for you. It's

**MISSION RESULTS:** After every mission, you are informed of the result of the battle and of your team members' new mutation values. If the mission was successful, you can move on to the next city, if not, the mission has to be started over. The second time around is easier, since you now know how the specific targets affect team members' skill levels.



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**DUEL WITH OTHER MUTANT GROUPS:** Challenge another team to a duel by clicking on the link **Duel.** Then key-in the name of the mutant group you want to challenge or battle a group from a random list of players. The challenge is then forwarded to the opponent assuming he or she is currently active in the game.

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**STATUS REPORT:** Click on **Status report** and get info on your mutant group, including your group name, current game level, number of missions completed and duels fought (victories/losses/total amount of duels). The report also tells the number of missions and duels required for moving up one level.

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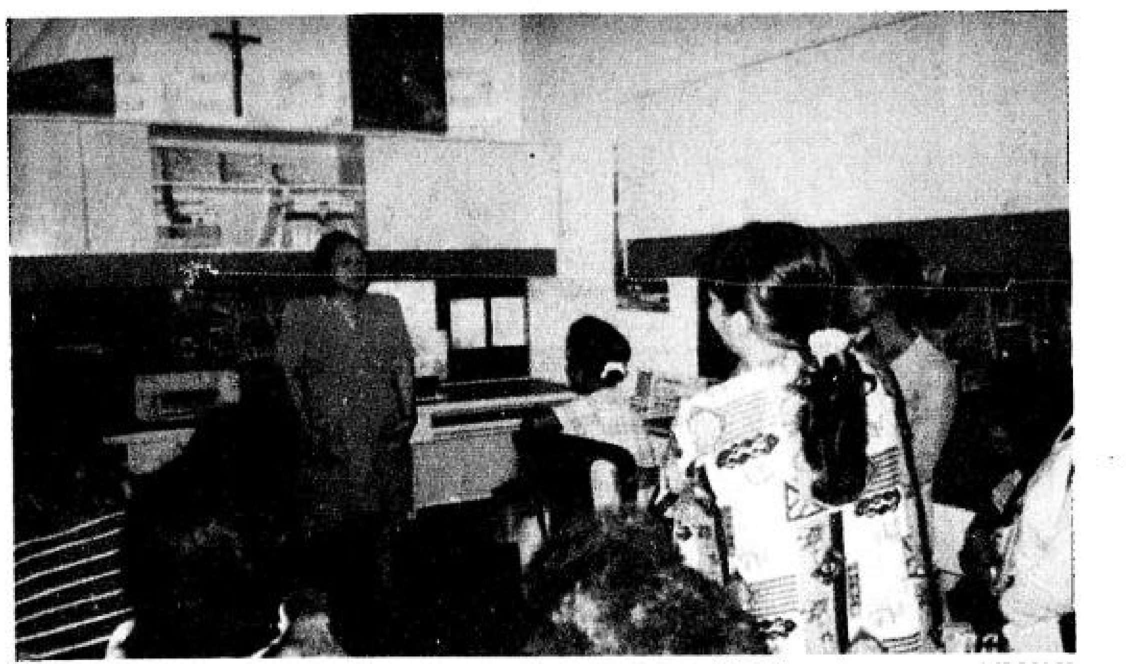

COUNTRY VISITORS. Songco gives villagers of Malasa a tour of UST's radio room. UST-OSACS

# The teacher is present and she's on the air

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could answer completely.

"What will I gain from the program? How will I learn through a radio? What kind of radio?" But at least they were asking questions, and that provided Songco with a good point to start.

"Their concept of a radio is limited to the transistor," says Lucy. "Imagine how amazed they were when they heard for the first time a voice behind that small black box addressing and giving them immediate feedback."

Some were stunned while others ran through the door and never came back. Others knew the answers to Songco's questions, but were reluctant to stand up and talk on the radio. It was common to see adults shaking as they held the mouthpiece.

**LUCY** Guya is happy to help her people.
ROMY HOMILLADA

Those who mustered enough guts to talk with an unseen mentor were so tense that they often pressed the radio's red button too long. It was only a matter of time before the thing overheated and broke down.

"We were bogged down by technical problems at first," Lucy recalls with a smile. "But I was the least bit surprised since they (students) didn't want to let go of the mouthpiece after they got the hang of it."

An engineering team from UST led by Cas Hernandez now comes here every week to check on the facility. They've also set up a 120-ft repeater station beside the site of Malasa's future learning center, a 300-sq m property donated by the Mt. Pinatubo Commission. Once the tower is operational, it's envisioned to link up two additional *sitios* to UST.

**ILYANG** Probo is inspired to learn more.
ROMY HOMILLADA

### Settling differences

"We don't want to fail them," Lucy reasons. "They're not doing this for themselves but for us. That's why I encourage them to attend. If there are any doubts or apprehensions, I try to know the reason."

There was even a time, she recalls, when members of the class cried and walked out after Songco asked them their ages. Some Aetas, who still rely on oral tradition, are clueless about their actual dates of birth. Obviously, they resented being laughed at by their straight-haired classmates.

"We still have our differences," says Lucy, an *unat* from nearby Pampanga. "But nothing is too big for us to settle among ourselves."

Recent lessons on the environment have generated a number of welcome results. Sure, the likes of Ilyang, an unlettered Aeta, now know the value of preserving the environment for future generations through such measures as composting and proper tilling of the soil. Trees have become more than just firewood they could chop down with impunity, but watersheds to prevent floods and erosion.

Best of all, she and others like her now know how to read and write their names. Despite the absence of daily alphabet drills, Ilyang asked her friends to teach her how to read and write beyond class hours. Educators call it progress, social scientists call it empowerment.

"I didn't care at first," she says in Filipino, "but later I was inspired to learn more. At first I didn't want to look silly in front of the class, but I actually grew to like reading and writing later. Little by little, we gained confidence in expressing ourselves."

"It (education) also fostered friendship and cooperation among us," adds Rosita Balagtas, an *unat*. "We also learned to depend on and share with each other."

Indeed, a welcome albeit expected development since Malasa is one of the few *sitios* in the province where Aetas and lowlanders coexist peacefully. This early, they have used their renewed camaraderie to engage in a number of livelihood projects. They've just put up a small piggery with seed money provided by UST.

Now that they're into livelihood, their dream is to one day learn dressmaking and eventually put up a small manufacturing business. Songco's dream somehow dovetails with that of her pupils.

"I wish the village will soon have electricity," she says. "Imagine the many possibilities we can teach them through television." Imagine, indeed.

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# Her parents are so strict that she cannot entertain suitors

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down to it, they do know what they really care about. If they know it well enough, they'll make an effort at keeping it.

It may be hard, but if you really love him, and believe in marriage and family, then forgive him wholeheartedly. I know forgiveness doesn't come easily, so you'll have to pray for it. Forgiving him doesn't mean you think less of his misdemeanor, or that your pain at being betrayed should be ignored. It means you love him and your children that much. It means you are ready to move on.

If he's anything resembling a real man, he'll try to make it up to you and he won't do it again. If you believe in God, then ask your husband if his conscience is clear not only with you but with the Lord. Your husband might want to pray with you on this matter.

Who knows, maybe this will bring you closer together. In the meantime, make sure he knows you're still around. Try to forget, but keep an eye out. I do hope he doesn't slip again, because that would be the last straw.

Try forgiving the other woman as well. I mean, it's also her fault, but if you want to forgive your husband, you'll have to forgive them both. It will take a generous heart to do so, though, so take it a bit at a time.

I hope and pray that your heart may begin to heal.

**A CONCERNED READER**

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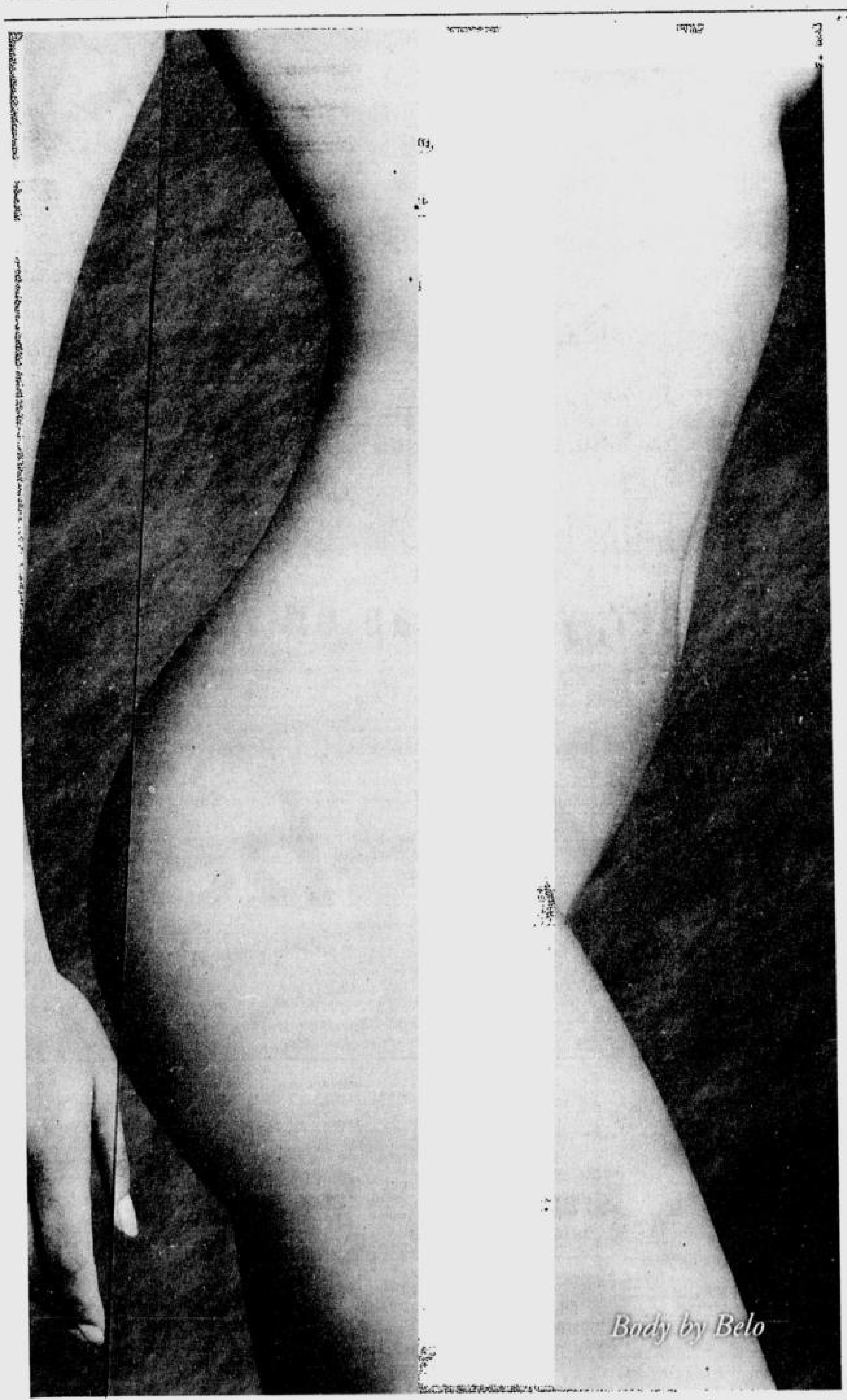

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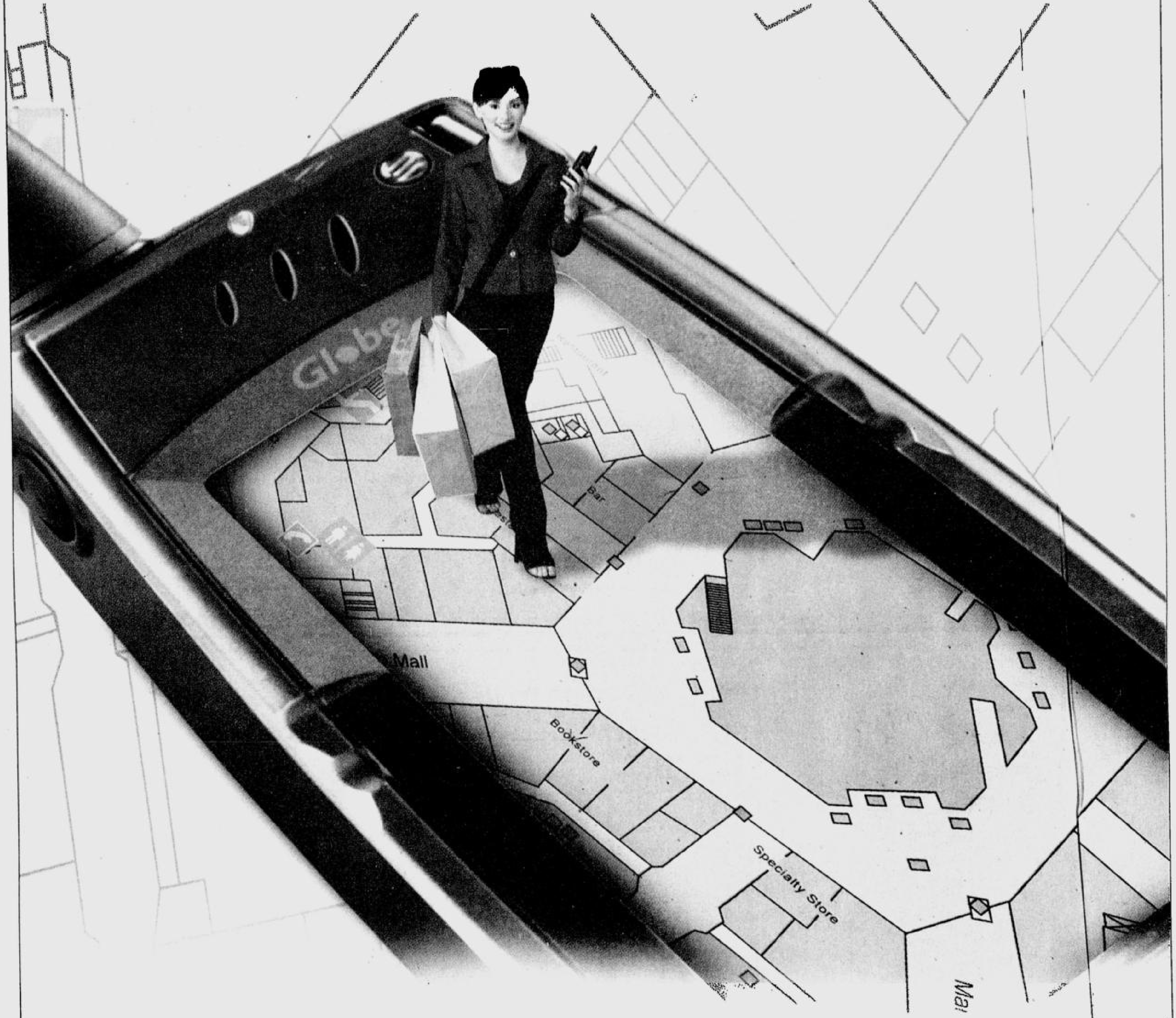

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Sunday LIFESTYLE

SURVEY SAYS. If there's a poll on the happiest Senate couple, it would be Sen. Franklin Drilon and wife Mila.

# Drilon tops ABS-CBN survey, but Miriam, Enrile not far behind

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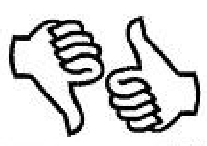

WE got hold of a copy of the Social Weather Station's nationwide survey on senatorial preferences commissioned by ABS-CBN and were flabbergasted to find that Senators **Juan Ponce Enrile** and **Miriam Defensor Santiago** scored high despite their infamous role in suppressing the evidence against former President **Joseph Estrada**'s depredations during his impeachment trial.

The survey was conducted between Feb. 2-7—only two weeks after the People Power revolt that ousted Estrada. Despite the fresh memory of the revolt and the conspiracy that ignited it, personalities identified with the Estrada regime broke into the top of the survey. Aside from Enrile and Santiago (both more or less ensconced at Nos. 7 and 8), there was **Edgardo Angara** (11-12). Alarmingly enough, **Ernesto Maceda**, who ridiculed the Edsa crowd on Jan. 17, was within striking distance at No. 14.

Thankfully, many of those who defended the truth at the hour of its gravest peril scored high in the polls. Sen. **Franklin Drilon** shared the top spot with broadcast personality **Noli de Castro**. Those who also scored high were **Juan Flavier**, **Jun Magsaysay**, **Joker Arroyo**, **Serge Osmeña**, **Francis Pangilinan**, **Ralph Recto** and **Manuel Villar**.

Now Edsa II groups are mobilizing a campaign through e-mail to stave off the reelection of Enrile and Santiago. Watch out for Edsa III.

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# Books conquer barrios

BY CATHY BABAO GUBALLA

DAN and Nancy Harrington are a couple on a mission. The husband and wife team who founded Books for the Barrios Inc.—a nonprofit, public benefit corporation based in San Francisco, California—collects school textbooks, educational learning aids and devices from schools, publishers and schoolchildren in the United States, and delivers them to remote barrio public schools throughout the Philippines. Priority is given to those schools that are the most deprived and most remotely located without regard for politics, religion or ethnicity. "Recycling [books] for the ecology of the human spirit" is how Dan Harrington describes what they're doing.

### Early beginnings

Nancy's love affair with books and the Filipino child began as early as 1969 when she first toured the country. "I hitchhiked all over the world," she says with a grin. Taken by the warmth and hospitality of the Filipino people, she swore she would one day come back. Soon enough, in 1970-72, she found herself teaching third grade at Clark Air Force Base in Pampanga. During one weekend, she met Dan who was a top gun pilot with the US Navy. After a few years, they married and went back to the United States. Twelve years later, in the early 1980s, they found themselves, together with two sons, based at Subic Naval Base in Zambales. It was during this period in their lives that they traveled all over the Philippines, "We would go into the barrios and my boys just loved doing that. During those trips I realized that Filipino children are just so much like American children, like the children that I taught back in the base." The major difference was that these children sorely lacked books, supplies and equipment that could empower their young minds. Thus began Dan and Nancy's quest to help thousands, no millions, of kids fight poverty and illiteracy, one page at a time.

### Pieces of a puzzle

Like the pieces of a puzzle that fell perfectly into place, it was perhaps providential that Dan was a pilot in the US Navy that they got help to ship the books from the United States to the Philippines and eventually to all remote barrios. Philippine Airlines for a time came into the picture and sponsored a huge part of the freight expenses. In 1990, Books for the Barrios Inc. was formally set up.

Books for the Barrios collects instructionals and books from the US and sends them to the remotest barangays of the country

Over the last 10 years, BftB (Books for the Barrios) has gathered, transported and distributed over four million primary and secondary textbooks, reference books and educational aids and devices, bringing the opportunity for a high-quality educational experience to eight million eager children.

Majority of the books are taken from textbook publishers' remaining stocks and the discards of local school districts and libraries throughout the western United States. Other sources are bookstores, individual collections and youth book drives conducted by groups of US schoolchildren. Trucks transport the materials to the BftB 4,000-sq-ft production facility in Concord, California. Trained personnel routinely inspect all materials to ensure quality products. The materials are then screened, sorted and packed into cases and palletized for container shipment. American schoolchildren do the work as a school citizenship project.

Nancy tells an interesting anecdote during the Gulf War in 1991. She recalls they were shipping books through the huge ammunition ships that would dock at Subic. "The bombs underneath were moved up on deck to give space for the books underneath—so that they [the books] wouldn't get wet," she says with a smile.

The Harringtons also credit the Madrigal family with helping defray the cost of shipping the books to Manila. "They have been such a great help." Carlos Araneta, chief executive officer of LBC Cargo, has also been a tremendous help as his company has offered free shipping of books and materials all over the Philippines since 1998. "That easily translates to P44 million," says Nancy, who is visibly touched by the gesture of so many people who have thrown their

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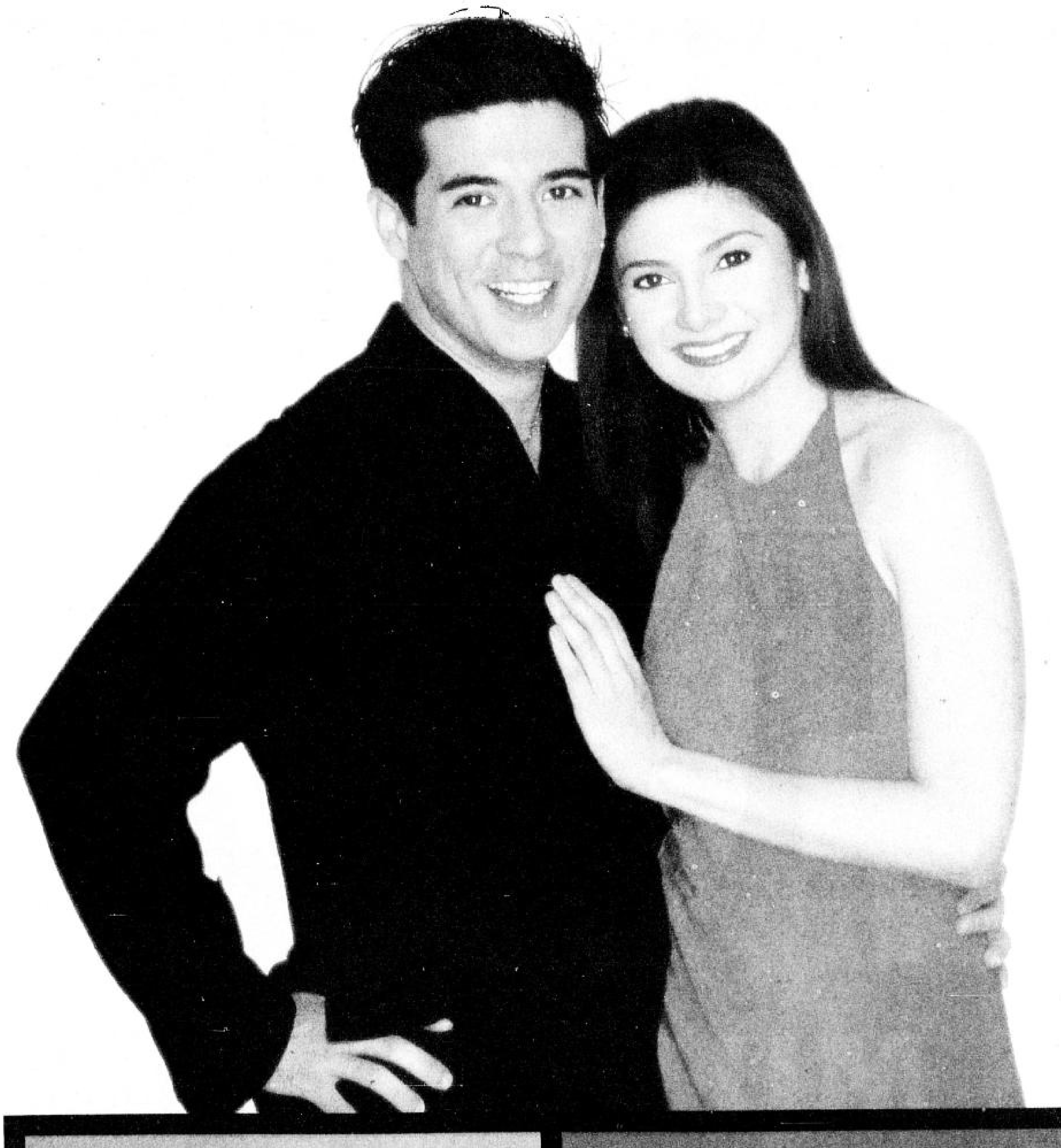

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LULI M. ARROYO

## A passion for education

SHE is clearly her mother's daughter. From the diminutive, cool and collected stance to the effervescent smile, Evangelina Lourdes M. Arroyo, or Luli, prides herself in being from "a long line of small but strong-willed women."

Since she was a teacher and professor during her mothering years, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's affinity for the academe must have rubbed off on her only her daughter who now finds herself actively involved in improving the plight of public schools nationwide through computerization and teacher training.

### Educational pedigree

Luli's elementary school years were spent at Maryknoll, and high school at the Assumption. She recalls how every summer she and her two siblings would be enrolled in enrichment courses or be taught by mom herself.

"One summer she bought a whole set of Spanish language books and tapes and she would sit us down, teach us herself a set at a time each day. We would have a set schedule, and you had to be on time plus we would even have homework!"

The best part, she says, about having a teacher-mom was that her schedule was in sync with that of the children. "Her schedule would correspond to ours. During the summers when we would be at home more, she would also be there," Luli recalls.

College years were spent at the Ateneo de Manila University where she graduated with a degree in management economics (she was at the same time editor in chief of Guidon, the college paper). Upon graduation, Luli spent a year with Ayala Land before pursuing a graduate degree in foreign service at Georgetown University, the same school her mother went to in the late 1960s.

Back in Manila, Luli became actively involved in her mom's senatorial campaign. Afterward, she became involved in the Apec congress.

"Since 1998 I've been working in a foundation that deals with national policy research—national and regional—and we have community-based projects that have to do with training public school teachers in the use of computers."

### Grant from Lucent Foundation

Feeling strongly about the importance of education in national development, she speaks with passion about her work. "Education is really important, there's really so many things that need

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# Drilon tops ABS-CBN survey, but Miriam,

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## Beauty and brains in Binibining Pilipinas

THE TOP candidates for Binibining Pilipinas combine beauty and brains in the classic tradition. For instance, candidate No. 8 **Zorayda Ruth Andam**, a Baguio City resident, stands 5'8" and measures 34-24-35. She finished BA Economics, cum laude, at UP and is on her third year at the UP College of Law where she is currently No. 5 in a class of 200.

Candidate No. 9 **Michelle Reyes**, of Daet, Camarines Sur, stands 5'8" and measures 34-24-34. She finished BS Nursing at UST and instead of going to the US where Pinay nurses are in demand, she is currently a pediatric nurse taking care of newborns and infants with congenital illnesses at the Santo Tomas University Hospital. She is designer **Peter Lim**'s image model for 2001.

Candidate No. 24 **Imee Martinez**, from Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte, also is a statuesque 5'8" and measures 34-24-34. She is a graduate of the Philippine Science High School and UP Diliman, where she finished BS Chemistry. She is an environmental chemist at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. She is hairstylist **Bambbi Fuentes**' image model for 2001.

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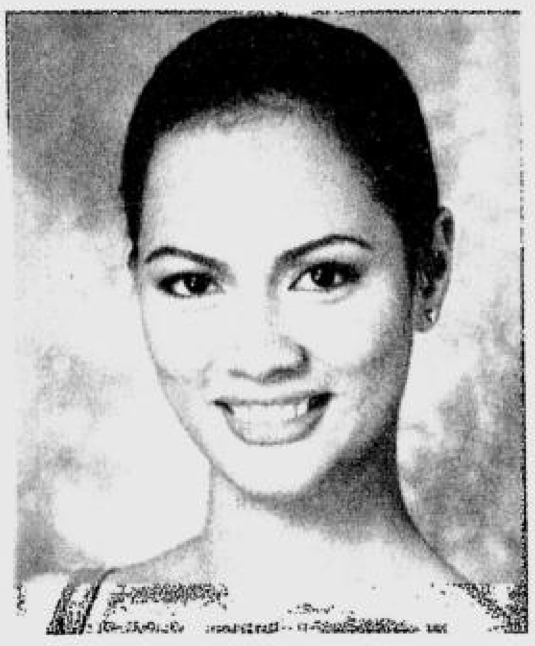
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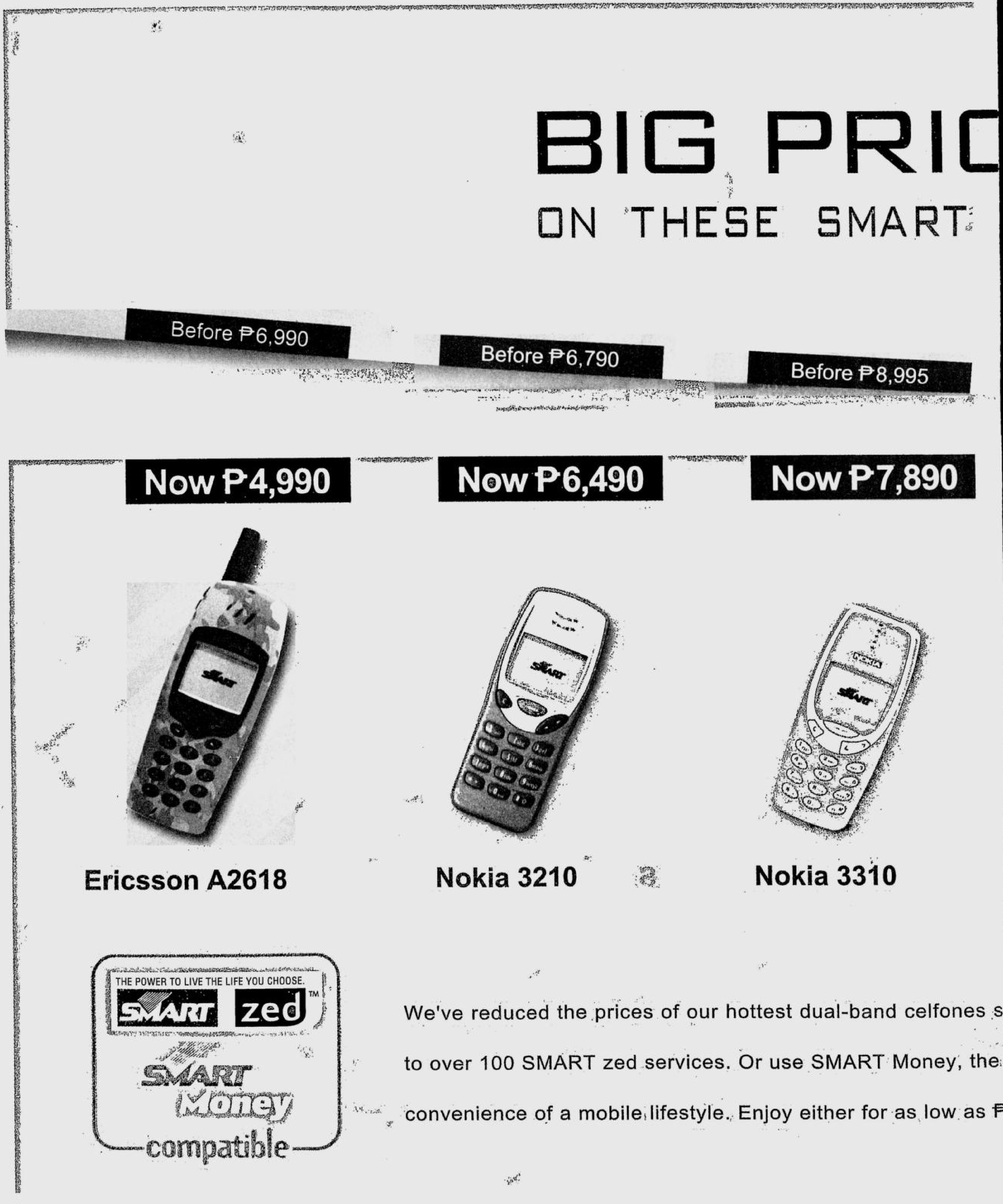
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# Enrile not far behind

## Anti-Filipino beauty contest?

IN YEARS past, there was a tendency in the Binibining Pilipinas contest to woo and give the red-carpet treatment to US-raised Filipinas, probably because the organizers believed their cosmopolitanism and articulateness would make them shine in international beauty contests. But their track record has been dismal. If they didn't have attitude problems, they invariably got embroiled in residency and personal woes. None of them ever made it to the semis.

Perhaps pageant organizers should be reminded that almost all the Filipinas who made it to the Top 10 in beauty contests in the past decades were locally bred: **Bessie Ocampo** (Manila), **Gemma Cruz** (Manila), **Lalaine Bennett** (Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya), **Louise Veil Aurelio** (Iloilo), **Clarinda Soriano** (Bacoor, Cavite), **Gloria Diaz** (Baguio, La Union and Parañaque), **Aurora Pijuan** (Bacolod), **Evelyn Camus** (Malabon), **Minerva Cagatao** (Cagayan), **Armi Barbara Crespo** (Manila), **Margie Moran** (Manila), **Chiqui Brosas** (lived in New York but raised in Manila), **Chat Silayan** (Manila), **Desiree Verdadero** (Manila), **Geraldine Asis** (Roxas City) and, of course, **Miriam Quiambao** (QC).

Perhaps the only non-locally raised Filipina to have landed a place in a beauty contest in the past years was **Ruffa Gutierrez**, who was US-born and bred. This was in 1994 when she placed third in the Miss World contest. Everyone knows of course what happened the following year—the Manila Film Festival scam.

Pageant organizers should be reminded that there's a need to shift the focus of beauty contests from form to substance and value. We need winners who are not only pretty and smart in interviews, swimsuits and evening gowns, but winners who are grounded and rooted in their being Filipinos. And they must have a career, a social platform and a moral advocacy with or without the beauty contest.

## Non-paying reelectionist

A MANILA councilor has yet to pay a concert producer for staging the Miss Chinatown beauty pageant Jan. 22 in Binondo for the Chinese New Year.

The JLF Organization, a leading events production group that mounted the Miss Chinatown contest, has reportedly been given the runaround in the office of the councilor. It has complied with the requirements of the office, including a breakdown of production expenses, but the organization, headed by young businessman **Jacob Fernandez**, has yet to receive payment.

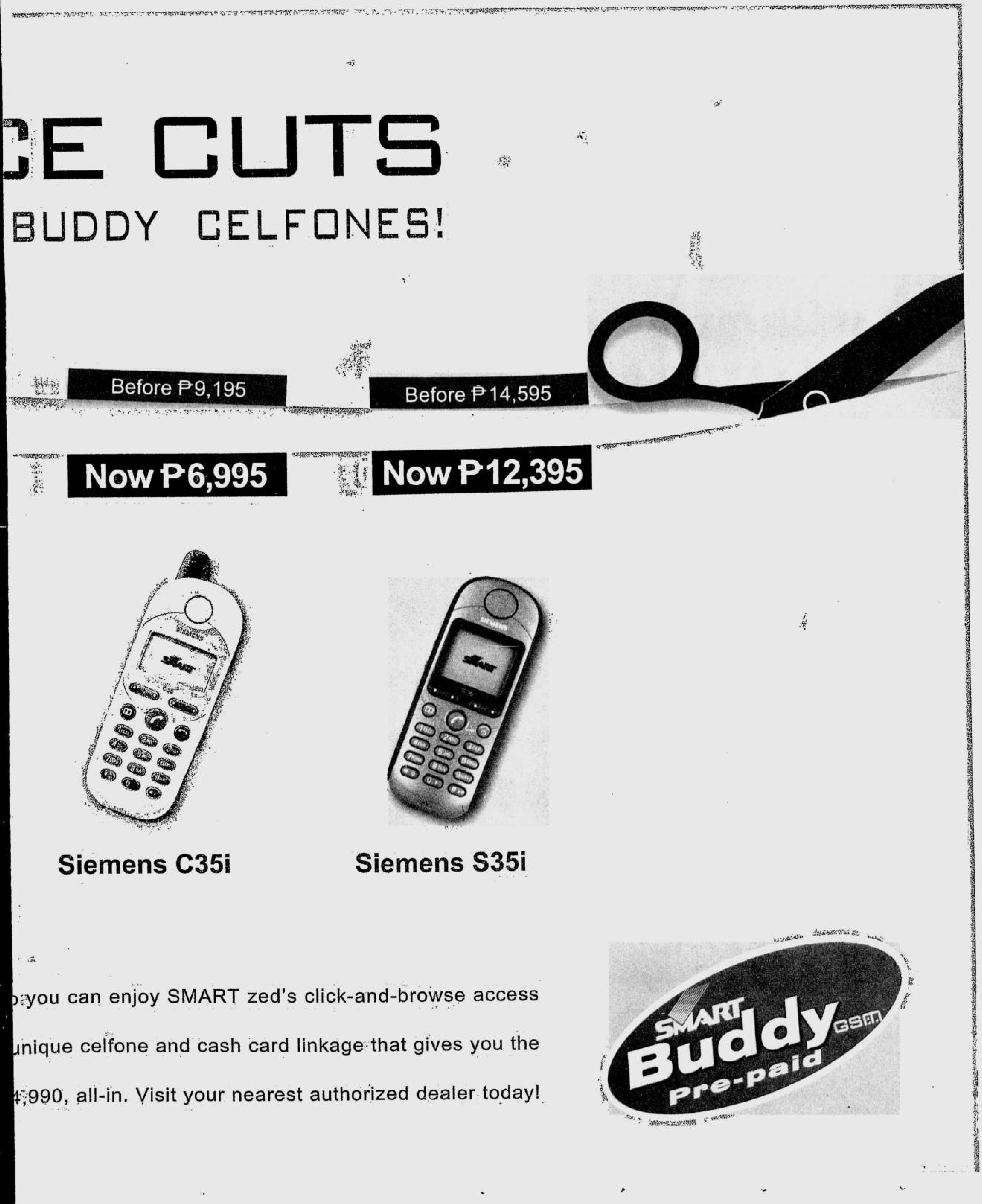
Before the pageant, JLF Organization reportedly asked for the payment of the balance. Only after JLF threatened to pack up did the councilor issue a check. The show pushed through, but JLF found out later from the bank that payment on the check had been ordered stopped.

The councilor, who is related to Mayor **Lito Atienza**, is running for reelection.

## Guess who came to dinner?

BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas Gov. **Rafael Buenaventura** came to the INQUIRER offices Friday night with guns not exactly blazing. He refused, however, to answer personal questions, stopping dead in their tracks nosy reporters eager for a whiff of juicy news on his much-speculated-about marriage to socialite **Marivic Rufino**. It helped though that he came to the office with a delicious buffet from the Plaza. Apparently, the staff felt it was poor etiquette to ask personal questions when their mouths were full.

But the governor answered other questions gamely, particularly those on the state of the economy. He said the peso will continue to improve against the dollar and the economy is on the road to recovery, as shown by eager inquiries from businessmen on investment opportunities here. His optimism should keep speculators of the financial sort at bay, although it will not exactly douse the fires of speculation about his personal life.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# The thrill of renewing ties

THERE is always something nostalgic about reunions. An inexplicable feeling of joy and gladness pushes everyone to trek back to the gates of one's alma mater.

Touching base years after graduation, with dreams fulfilled or unfulfilled, takes every graduate full circle from that afternoon mortar boards were tossed into the air. What a relief it was then for school to be finally over.

Yes reunions and homecomings are a good time to share and relive memories. We do need such occasions to feel revitalized, to recharge our spirits, sort of. In reality, attending a homecoming is a good excuse to see former friends, classmates and mentors.

The recent reunion and homecoming of the University of the Philippines College of Mass Communications (UPCMC) held at the Pergola, Ayala Heights Village, QC, was the exception. More than just partying and seeing familiar faces, the gathering had a bigger purpose.

There was no singing, no dancing. But hearty chuckles filled the air, enough to free the soul from life's daily grind of woes and uncertainties. Being there felt grander than the grandest of reunions. It was the meaningful difference that made it so.

The host and organizers, the Class of 1975 (the silver jubilarians), spared no effort to make the event special and significant. After all, it came at the dawn of a millennial event—the coming of the third millennium and, more importantly, the triumph of a moral revolution at Edsa.

**SEN.** Loren Legarda-Leviste enjoys a light moment with her husband, former governor Tony Leviste, and the officers of the UPCMC Silver Jubilarian Class of '75 during the recent homecoming of the college held at the Ayala Heights Village, QC. Standing from left are Avie Gochoco-Perez, Che Castro-Serrano, Tina Tobia-Astudillo and Becs Tetangco.

**UPCMC** Homecoming 2000 chair Tina Tobia-Astudillo (left) unveils the computer donation of Class '75 during simple turnover rites held at the recent alumni reunion. On hand to receive the donation was UPCMC Dean Ellen J. Paglinauan (third from right).

The reunion was originally scheduled for last December but was cancelled in keeping with the crisis besetting the nation then. Homecoming 2000 chair Tina Tobia-Astudillo said, "It wasn't an appropriate time to party and have fun." Thus, te reunion was moved to a later date.

When the confetti had been swept away and the celebratory cheers had died down, Batch 75 moved fast to organize a simple get-together, far from its original grandiose plans. Treading on high moral ground, the class felt there was a good reason to celebrate a new beginning, with renewed hope and fresh aspirations. And what better time, indeed.

Most of the attendees were in college in the '70s. They joined the boycotts, demos, marches, sympathized with striking jeepney drivers. They were crusaders and idealists. They marched around campus, to Camp Crame, to Welcome Rotonda, to Plaza Miranda for the cause of social justice. The Edsa experience iswas not new to them. They wanted to be counted in college. They provided warm bodies at Edsa II. They could do it again. And again.

The affair's honorees, Class '75, felt ready to change the world on graduation day. Now in their little corners, they have kept moving to realize the ideals and the dreams of a UP graduate. As they continue their journey into the world, they wanted to return some of their blessings to the school that molded them and helped them become what they are now.

As early as December 1999, the class started raising funds to equip the UP Journalism Newsroom with computers. However, UPCMC Dean Ellen J Paglinauan expressed the more urgent need for computers to be used by the college library to serve as link to the libraries in the UP campus and to the vast wealth of knowledge available on the Internet.

At the reunion, Batch '75 unveiled its gift to the college during simple turnover rites. The computers will go a long way, the dean assured all alumni present.

Another highlight of the affair was the recognition of the outstanding sons and daughters of the college. The silver jubilarians believed there is nothing like honoring great achievement.

Sen. Loren Legarda-Leviste received the Most Outstanding UPCMC Graduate Award for her contribution in the field of public service and lawmaking.

Other achievers honored for their exemplary performance in their respective fields of endeavor were Maryo delos Reyes, cinema arts; Marites Danguilan-Vitug, journalism; Danny Gozo, corporate communications; Fely Garcia-del Rosario, bank marketing, Dody Lacuna, broadcast journalism; Chelo Banal-Formoso, journalism; Jerry Angping, business and finance; Cheryl Ann Castro-Serrano, public relations, Isah Red, journalism, and Gerry Zaragoza, journalism.

The evening was capped by an inspiring message from the most outstanding alumna, Senator Legarda-Leviste, who shared insights on the advantages of being trained in communication in public service.

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# Kalipayan presents glimpses of Philippine culture

THE WORLD-RENOWNED Kalipayan Dance Company will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a two-hour dance-and-song presentation for a cause.

The Leyte-based group will present "Glimpses of Philippine Culture" tonight at 7 at the Henry Lee Irwin Theater of the Ateneo de Manila University in Loyola Heights, QC.

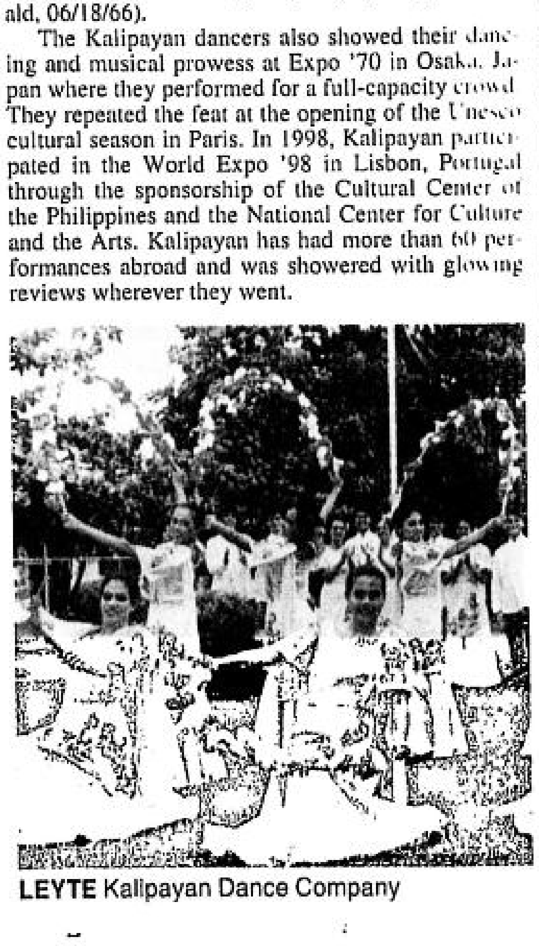
The cultural program is a joint effort of Kalipayan and the St. Mary Euphrasia Integrated Development Foundation. The proceeds from this effort will benefit the homes run by the Good Shepherd Sisters for girls and women who are morally distressed, poor and in crisis situations.

The Religious of the Good Shepherd was founded by St. Mary Euphrasia in France in 1835 and are now in more than 60 countries all over the world. The first Good Shepherd Sisters came to the Philippines in 1912. They are involved in varied ministries.

The Kalipayan Dance Company, formerly known as the Leyte Filipinas Dance Troupe, was founded in 1961 by Teresita Veloso Pil. The group has been on successful world tours many times.

During its fourth anniversary in 1961, then President Diosdado Macapagal named the dancers cultural ambassadors to the US where they toured and performed for almost a year and electrified a whole nation with their endearing buoyancy (Philippine Herald, 06/18/66).

The Kalipayan dancers also showed their dancing and musical prowess at Expo '70 in Osaka, Japan where they performed for a full-capacity crowd. They repeated the feat at the opening of the Unesco cultural season in Paris. In 1998, Kalipayan participated in the World Expo '98 in Lisbon, Portugal through the sponsorship of the Cultural Center of the Philippines and the National Center for Culture and the Arts. Kalipayan has had more than 60 performances abroad and was showered with glowing reviews wherever they went.



**LEYTE** Kalipayan Dance Company

# Books conquer barrios

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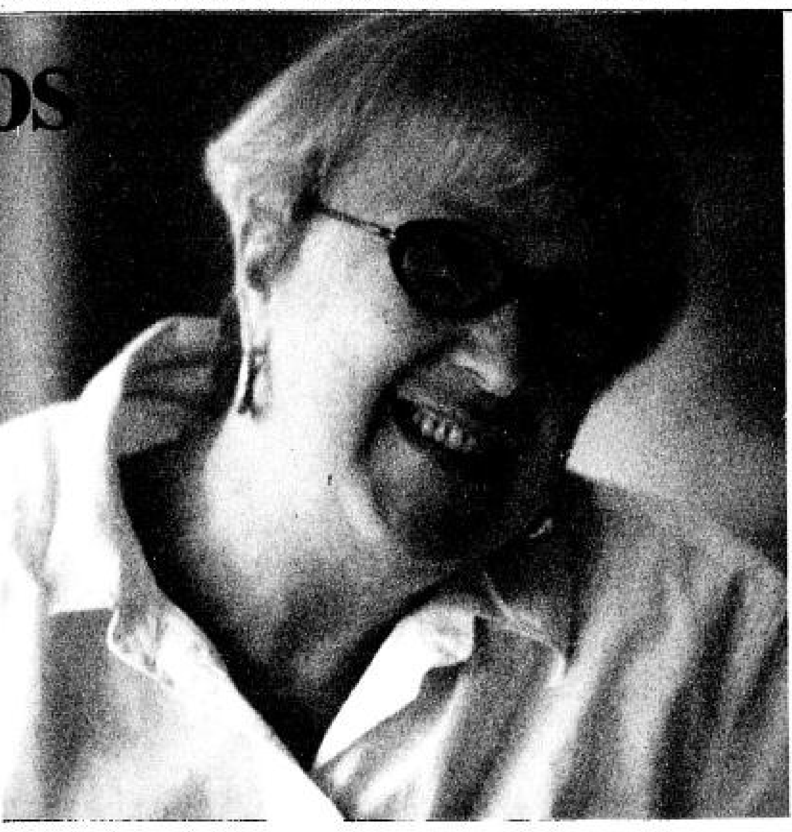

BOOKS are her mission. Nancy Harrington PHOTO BY JOAN BONDOC

wholehearted support to the project.

Upon arrival in the recipient country, local counterpart organizations develop and execute a detailed plan for the handling, storage, transportation and distribution of the materials. Close coordination with the Department of Education, Culture and Sports is maintained at each step in the distribution process to ensure that local needs are specifically addressed. The most remote school sites classified as deprived, depressed and under-served are chosen as recipients. "Poverty is no hindrance when you give a child an opportunity for a decent quality education," Nancy says.

### Model of excellence

The program of Books for the Barrios does not stop at simply sending books to public schools. Selected school sites are identified for the BftB National Model of Excellence School Project. Each school is maintained in a high-material resource state in order to provide an example of a state-of-the-art education facility. These sites are evaluated over a six-year period to demonstrate the effectiveness of the BftB intercession and provide feedback to donation refinements. Divisional DECS authorities are provided with teacher professional training paraphernalia and curriculum materials that are used in developmental workshops.

The program is assessed by local authorities to determine its impact on a student's scholastic ability. The ultimate test of the program is, of course, the change in means and stature of the students. Emilio Aguinaldo Elementary School in the Santa Ana District of Manila is a perfect example of how BftB support has been of tremendous help. Previously, the great majority of students from this public school flunked the National Elementary Achievement Test (NEAT). After intercession by BftB, all of the students passed the exam with flying colors.

Currently, there are 31 Model of Excellence (MOE) Schools all over the Philippines: Cagayan Valley (Malabbac Elementary School) to Naga (Del Rosario Elementary School) to Lapu-Lapu City (Gun-ob Elementary School, Mactan Elementary, Lo-oc High School) to far-away Jolo (Bakud Elementary, Panglimah Mammah Elementary).

Books for the Barrios initially sends 210 boxes—five pallet stacks—to the newly selected MOE school. BftB will then send periodically, upon availability, additional donations of 42 boxes—one pallet stack. BftB supplies the following to the MOE school—a complete school library, a complete mini-library for each library, art supplies, learning manipulatives, games, toys, puzzles, maps, typewriters, teacher training, science lab kits, among a host of other materials.

Esteban Abada Elementary School in Project 7, Quezon City is BftB's most recent MOE and is currently under construction. With a very generous grant from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank (HKSB) amounting to P5 million, it is set to become the best elementary school in the entire Philippines. "And that's public or private," Nancy says with great motherly pride. "Our preschool there will also be state of the art. There will be none like it in the entire country."

The Esteban Abada Elementary School caters to 2,000 primary school children from the lower income and depressed communities in the Project 7 area. It is one of the underperforming public schools in Quezon City, consistently achieving below 45 percent in the NEAT. HSBC will provide a complete, functional and customized children's library, computer-learning center and toy library for the preschool classes. The bank will also improve classrooms as well as the science room, home economics room and canteen. Teacher's training and new instructional methods are included in the program.

### Teacher training

"Not all children learn through books, through their parents or their teachers, but rather from each other," Nancy says. She believes that a better way of finding answers would be "solving problems through consensus." BftB advocates a "Thinking, Meaning Centered Curriculum" where hands-on strategies are given emphasis. Every two years, BftB brings in US elementary teachers to train 2,000 teachers at a two-day training seminar. This year's convention will be held at the Eco-Tech Training Center in Cebu City.

In all MOE schools, Fridays are designated as chalk-free days where teachers are encouraged to be hands-on with the students. Previously, Nancy says, this was impossible to do as students were then sorely lacking in books and so the teacher had to write everything on the board. At a MOE school, they can now do hands-on learning because of the wealth of materials that they now have.

Poverty is the other thing that hampers many of the children from learning and even this has been addressed by BftB little by little. "In Negros, we have what you call a Reading for Rice program." Nancy says. "In the past, children would not be allowed by their own parents to read the book that they are required to finish for the week (one book report for a week is a requirement per child) because it would take away precious time from doing family chores. Now, with this program, for every report that the child submits, he/she gets one kilo of rice." Since the start of this program, Nancy says there has been a sharp rise in the number of reports submitted and parents now require their children to finish the book in the allotted time. "Call it bribery, but at least the child gets time to read and learn."

The Harringtons feel that BftB has made but a small contribution to the empowerment of the Filipino child. "There is so much more that can be done," Nancy says wistfully. Her dream—for every multinational to take one public school into its bosom, fund its improvement and provide books and materials for each and every child. BftB has shown us that with a little help, we can become the empowered nation we aspire to be.

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# A passion . . .

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to be done, especially in public education. But what can you do, with the little resources that you have that can have an impact on the larger number of students? So we figured that the teachers would be the best way to do that. Especially since computers and the Internet are very new and for a lot of teachers are like a barrier."

Luli then drafted a proposal and presented it to the Lucent Foundation, which gave her a grant to implement the teacher-training program. "We try to reach schools per district—we have projects so far in Marikina, Quezon City, Makati and we're expanding to the Visayas but have not pinpointed the place yet." Emphasis is on the training component as the government and other NGO's have programs for establishing computer labs in the public schools. "We are also now looking at giving them Internet connections so we now have another project with the major telecommunication companies to give the schools free Internet connections for a year and then subsidies after that."

### Strong-willed women

A young woman with a good head on her shoulders, Luli apparently is very focused and knows what she wants. A strong will is the trait she says that she shares with her mother. "I think it's really from the line of my grandmother—strong women who are small women. Even my great grandmother was the same. My great grandmother, even after my great grandfather died, led a full life. She set up her farm in Iligan and lived there and ran the farm herself. Then my *lola* (First Lady Eva Macaraeg Macapagal), although she was always in the background with my *lolo*, at home she was the boss. With my mom, well everybody knows she's strong-willed. It's the same thing with me."

Luli says she likewise draws strength from close family ties. We see a glimpse of that when she tells us about the sacred Sundays spent in dad and mom's bedroom where the family just bonds. "My parents have always had, from when we were kids up to now, a huge bed because all of us on Sundays, all five of us just lie down together and that's when we catch up on each other's lives. But now that the boys are all so big, *talagang wala ng* space. Plus, the dogs (four of them) also stay with us there." The Macapagal-Arroyo menagerie is composed of a cocker spaniel, two dachshunds and a mongrel. Strays or pedigreed, the dogs are "treated all the same," Luli says with a smile.

Solid family values and an impeccable educational background certainly make for one small but nevertheless, smart, strong-willed young woman.

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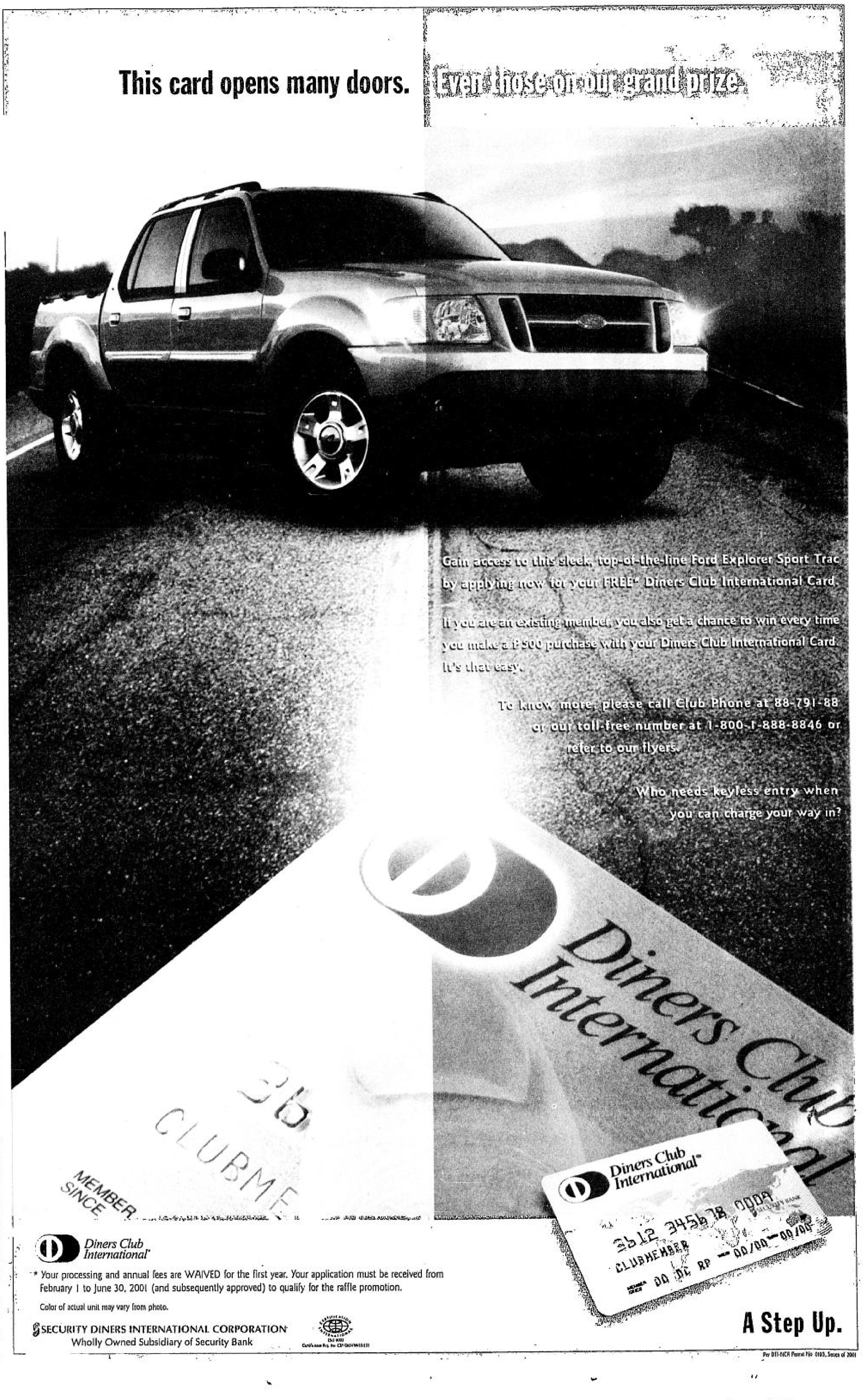

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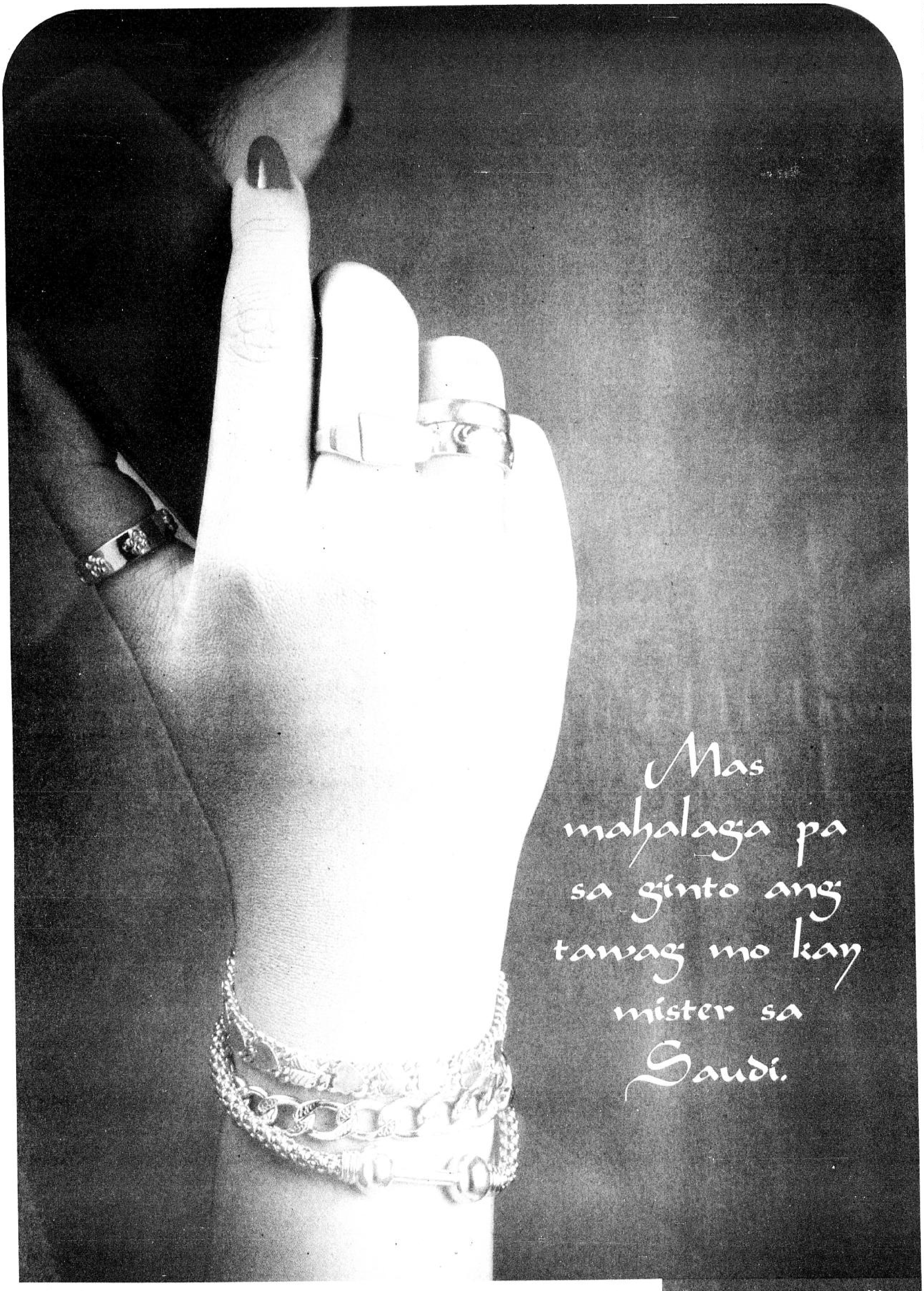
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## L is for Loren–and learning

By Chelo Banal-Formoso

The senator who made the nation cry is no crybaby when it comes to reforms. In fact, she has her own scholarship programs for broadcast journalism majors and former child miners

**IF you happen to be one of the lucky few to own a Swatch Centennial watch with the name Loren Legarda imprinted on it, you should hang on to it. Its value as a collector's item should go up every time Legarda tops a social survey on the performance ratings of public officials.**

Besides that, your watch bears the name of the senator whose tears may be said to have sparked the Second Edsa Revolt.

Since she was elected a senator in 1998, Legarda has consistently been the darling of respondents in polls conducted by Social Weather Stations, Pulse Asia and Audits and Surveys Worldwide. For tenable reasons.

For one, she didn't just sleep through senatorial debates like the decrepit solons whose families should have had the good sense to send to elderly folks' home for retirement. Nor did she just feign possession of cognitive skills, which the dumb and dumber in the Senate did the whole time they were in session.

Legarda has romanced the citizenry with policies and programs that strike close to home—peace and order, women's rights, the three E's (education, environment and employment). She has mothered bills that would protect children against illegal labor, safeguard man and nature against pollution, and develop entrepreneurial skills in rural villages.

### Telegenic

But let's say you didn't care about laws and you'd rather watch TV. If you were among the millions of Filipinos who monitored via television the daily proceedings in the impeachment case against Joseph Estrada, surely you would have taken notice of Senator Legarda.

Asked which of the senators had a brilliant mind, Chief Justice Hilario Davide, who presided over the impeachment trial, named two: Sen. Raul Roco, whose training is in the law, and Sen. Loren Legarda, whose training is in communication. The purpose of the impeachment hearing was to elicit information and Loren was able to do that, Davide said. That was where her training as a broadcast journalist came in handy. You could see how, with her clear questioning, she was able to lead the witness step-by-step until she got the precise information she wanted. In other words, she was effective without being intimidating.

Indeed, Loren was a revelation during the impeachment trial, especially to those who had thought all that a TV personality like her was capable of was sound bytes.

"When I ran for senator," says she over al fresco dinner at her home recently, "I knew a lot of people were skeptical, especially my colleagues in the media." A lackluster performance during her first year in the Senate would have given them reason to gloat but, as it happened, Legarda buckled down to work. Although widely regarded for her environmental legislation, Legarda has filed such priority measures as the Free Education for Handicapped Children Act, the National Education Assessment and Evaluation Act and the Kindergarten Act.

Two special projects launched by Legarda are directly related to education. One is a book distribution program with focus on disadvantaged areas. The other is an educational video distribution that has kicked off the Loren Learning Centers also in underserved areas.

### Scholarships

She launched within her first year as a senator a scholarship program called Libro ni Loren for former child laborers. Her advocacy for victims of child labor began when she was taping an episode on child miners in Paracale, Camarines Norte. "I was touched by the plight of these young children," she recalls.

The foundation now sponsors the schooling of more than 20 former child miners from Camarines Norte, under the implementation of the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement-Camarines Norte Project Office (PRRM-CNPO).

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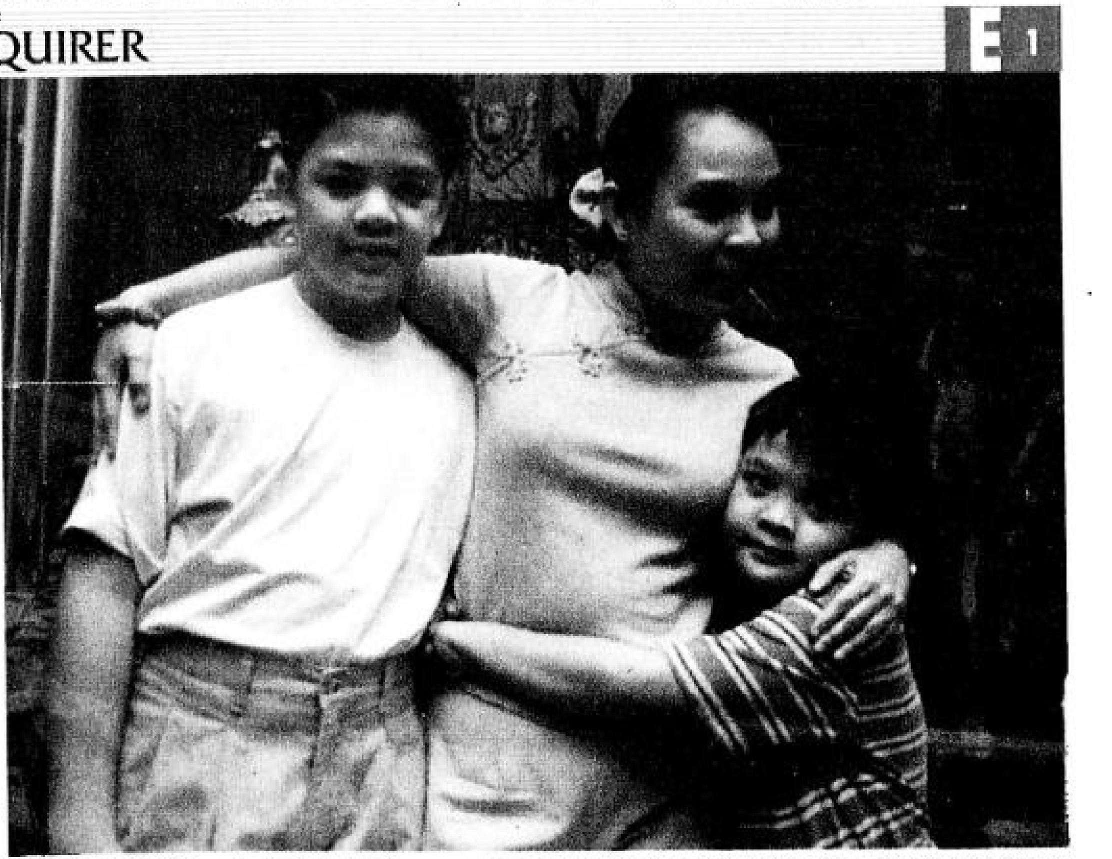
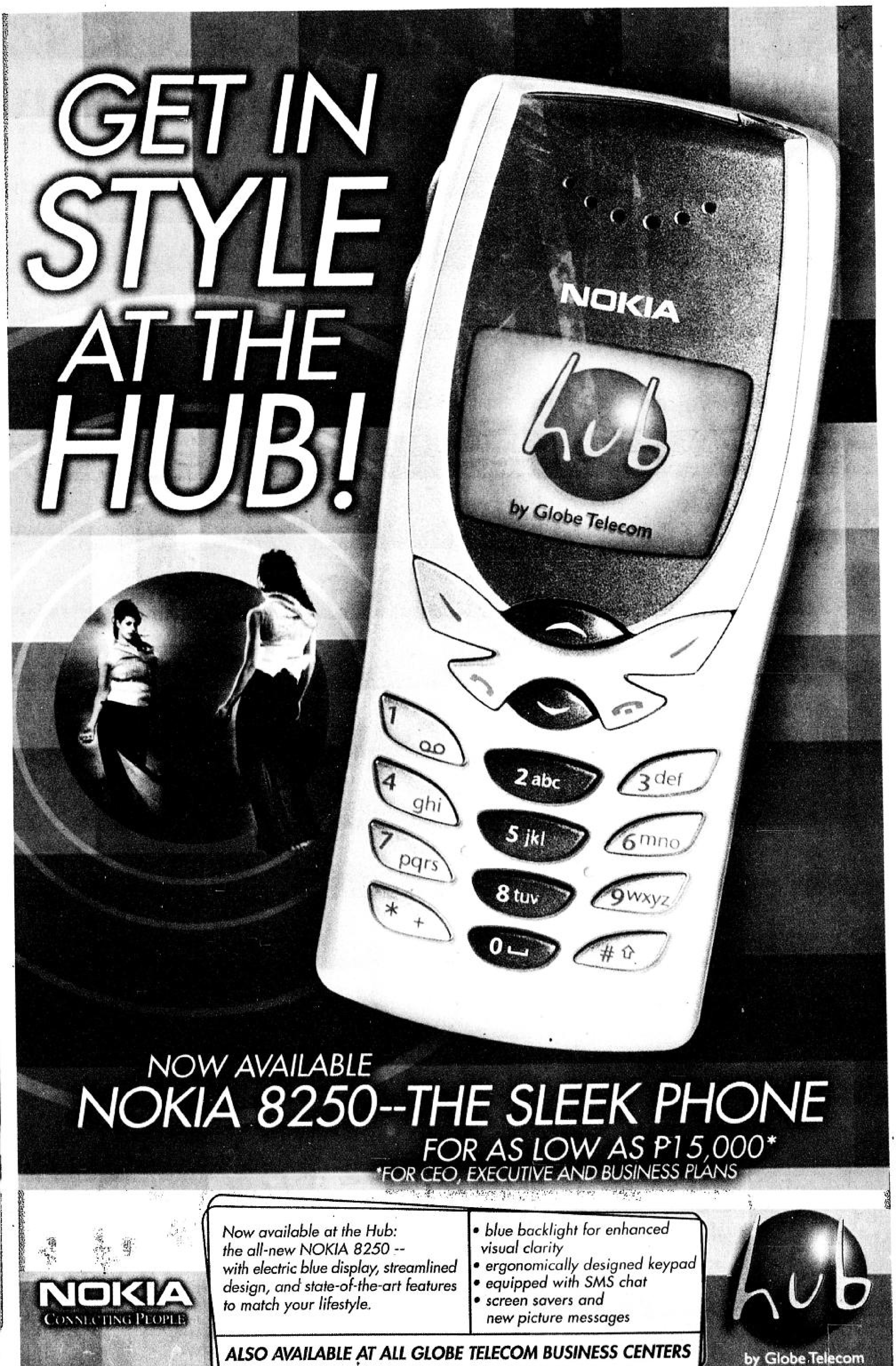
SENATOR Legarda shows off her favorite mint Swatch watch. JOHNNY VILLENA



WATCHING TV is a no-no for Loren's sons, except on Friday and Saturday nights. This in the home of a woman who made a living as broadcaster. But how can you argue? Lanz (left) is a second-honor student and Lean is first honor. JOHNNY VILLENA



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# A journey into hope

A daughter's comatose condition launched Mila Arnaldo on a voyage of despair, hope and discovery

**FROM DESPONDENCY** to creativity: Judy (left) and her mother, Mila Arnaldo

By Rowena C. Burgos
Photos by Johnny Villena

AFTER COMPLETING a course on child development, Judy Arnaldo trained and worked at the HRD of many prestigious companies. She considered herself lucky to toil in a field she was really interested in. She loved the challenge of the profession and liked dealing with people.

Such active life was interrupted when Judy, at the age of 30, was diagnosed with leukemia on Jan. 8, 1994.

An acute and chronic leukemia, together with other types of tumors of the blood, bone cells and lymph tissue, causes about 10 percent of all cancer deaths and about 50 percent of deaths in children and adults. When untreated, acute leukemia is fatal in one to two years and often fatal within about six months of onset.

Mila Besa Arnaldo, Judy's mother, was distraught. Eleven years before her only daughter, in a brood of three, got sick, her husband suffered from a disease from which he has not fully recovered. Doctors said he'd only have three to six months to live. But Mila's faith in the power of prayer gave her a sense of hope and so did her husband, who, despite being bedridden, remains grateful for life's blessings.

"It was a traumatic experience for me and my family which we were able to survive through prayers and the support of relatives and friends. So when Judy became ill, I was somehow prepared for it," Mila says.

### Bolt from the blue

Judy's condition required a bone marrow transplant in the United States. Together with her daughter's *yaya*, Mila brought Judy to the City of Hope National Medical Center in California. Although the transplant was deemed a success, Judy slipped into a coma for two months, leaving her partially disabled.

"While she was in comatose, her eyes were constantly open. So I thought there's something that I have to cross just to get through her," says Mila, who was gripped by an overwhelming fear of the unknown when her daughter's condition didn't show any sign of improvement after several weeks.

Mila searched for some kind words from the doctors to soothe the impact. She didn't register anything but the cruel verdict: Judy had only 10 percent chance of survival. Every word hammered into her heart.

"I was advised to call my family and inform them of Judy's condition. But I did not because I wanted them to remember a bubbly and healthy Judy. I was even told that she would be transferred to a home in order to decongest the hospital. I refused it," Mila relates.

Mila sought the help of various healing groups and joined an ecumenical bible study group, where she met Vincie Bavario, an American-Italian who taught her the rudiments of creating decorative products out of fabric and glass.

As she concentrated on making plates, the emptiness Mila felt was gradually replaced by substance and meaning. Her despondency turned to creativity. "I'm so fortunate to have met this group, who have become my friends until now. When Vincie started teaching me this craft, I knew that something beneficial would come out of it. I'm not that artistic but many found my creations beautiful. And every time I make something, I ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

### Sweet taste of life

While Mila was visiting her family, Judy came out of coma and

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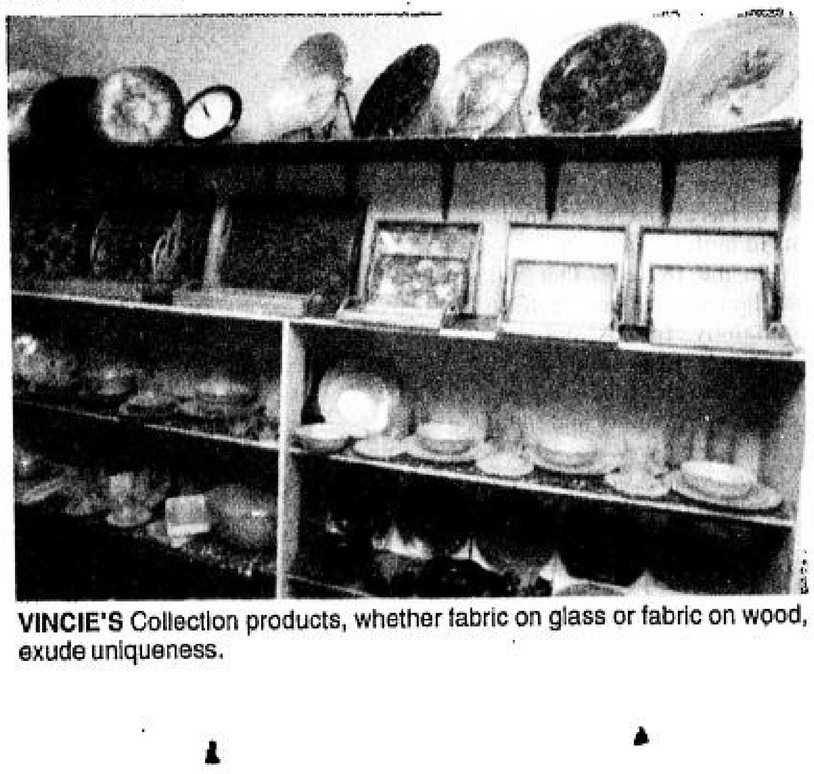

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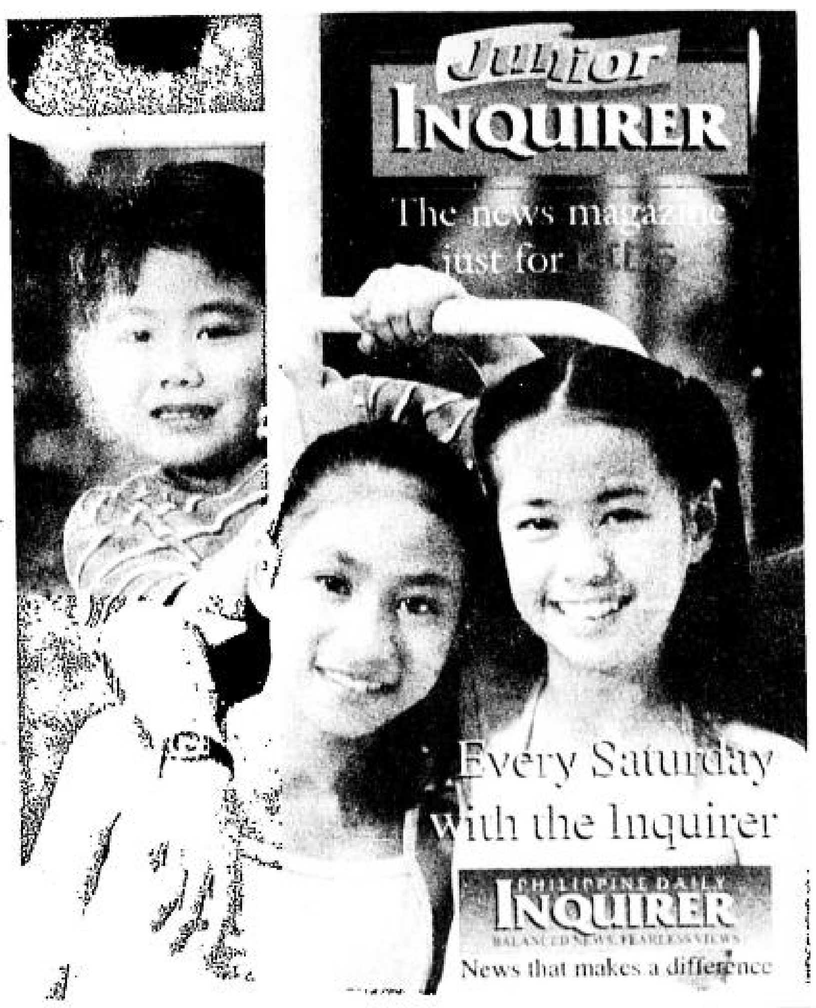

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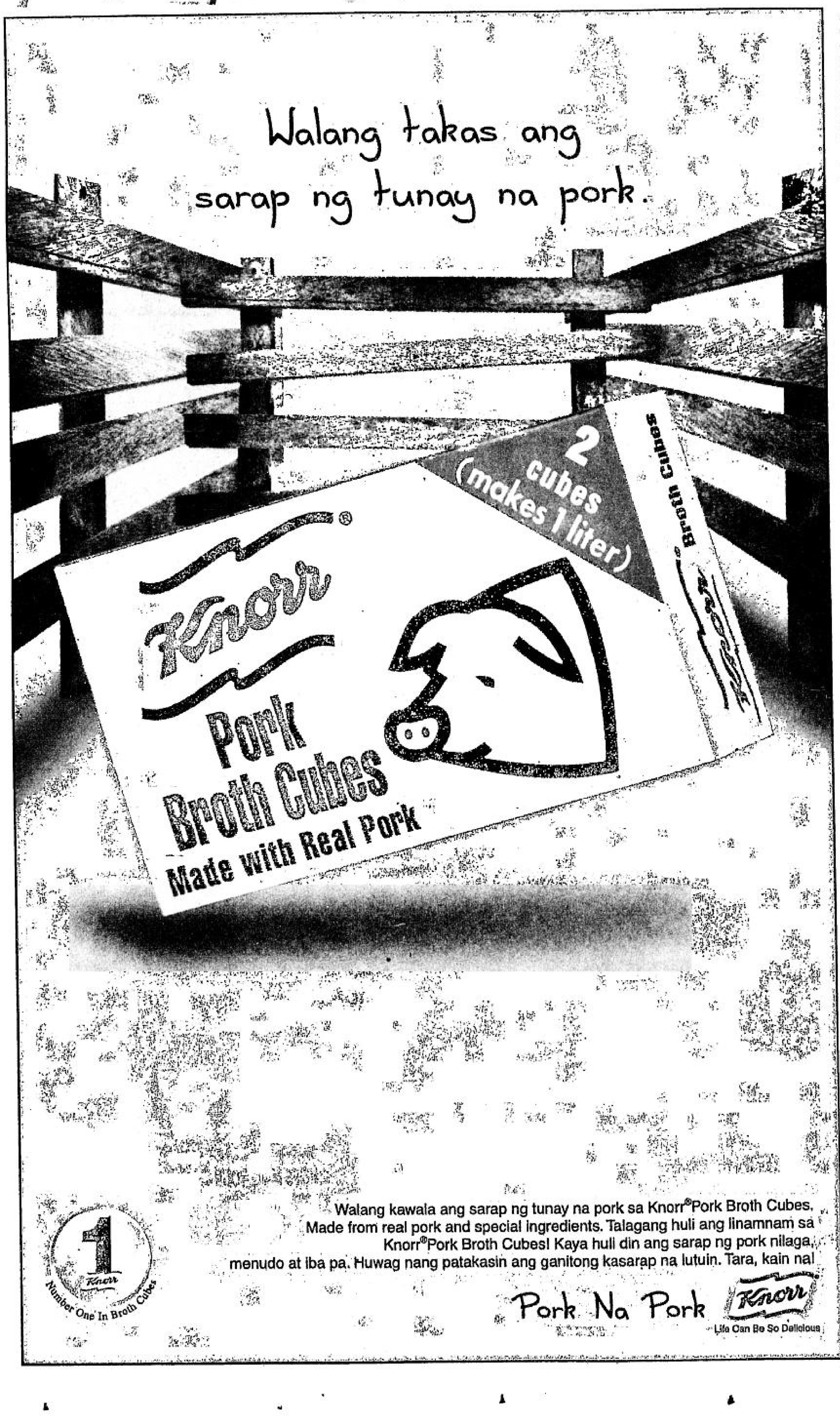

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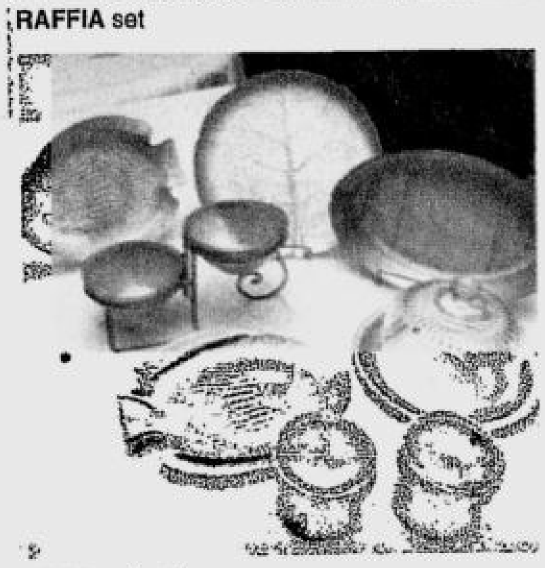

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# A journey into hope

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immediately told her *yaya*, "*Yay*, I don't like this." She could not remember anything, even the names of her Dad, her relatives and friends. She could not talk nor eat and drink water. She felt eerily disconnected as she watched the world go by, lively and hectic as usual. So Mila brought her to an occupational therapist, physical therapist and speech therapist every day.

Judy is now on her fourth year of remission, totally clear of leukemia. Although it has affected her eyesight and motor skills, she has learned to manage her daily life. "But that's after going into hibernation. I was depressed with what happened to me that I just stayed inside the house, brooding over my condition," Judy says. "Like a sign from God, a voice inside me said it was time to reenter the world."

She has been determined to rebuild her life for she couldn't bear the thought of living an aimless existence. Such sense of emptiness was so foreign to her so she engaged in a business venture. With the help of a friend, Judy learned to make delicious chocolates with walnuts and choco chips. Since last year, she has been deluged with orders of chocolates designed with an angel, flower, butterfly, clown and heart.

Although it's only Judy and her nurse who are involved in this labor-intensive venture, the former remains "excited" every time clients order for birthday parties or Valentine's day.

"Through my chocolates, I hope to share with the world the joy of life and the sweet taste of living," says Judy, who is also into dealership of Mary Kay cosmetics.

### Gift from God

When Judy came out of coma, Mila brought home the skill of making decorative plates and put up Vincie's Collection Inc. Since 1996, it has diversified its product line to dinnerware, serving platters, bowls, pitchers, drinking glasses, coasters, ashtrays and other table top items. Plaques can also be designed for special occasions.

These products are available at all outlets of Rustan's department store and Tesoro's and at Shopwise Alabang. Rustan's showcases Filipiniana designs of burlap and silver *sinamay* and summer collection while Tesoro's offers raffia designs. But clients can also visit the Arnaldos' residence at 10 Puerto Rico St., Loyola Grand Villa, QC.

As it becomes her refuge and therapy, Mila rediscovers herself and learns that if she were to savor the joys of life, then she should bear, too, the unexpected hardships life had brought her.

"I never thought I had this talent. So I often tell other people to dig into themselves for each of us has an innate gift from God. And it's up to us to nurture such gift."

In the 18 years that Mila had battled such challenges, she had been sustained by the love of family, friends and the love of life itself. "Vincie's Collection may not be able to put bread on our table every day but it has helped me keep my sanity and faith intact."

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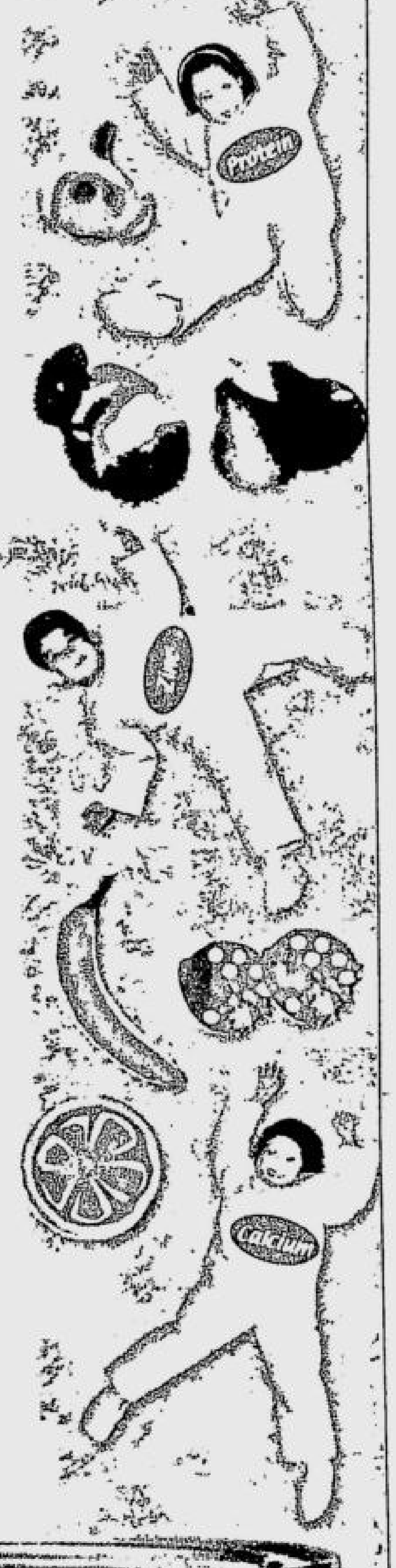

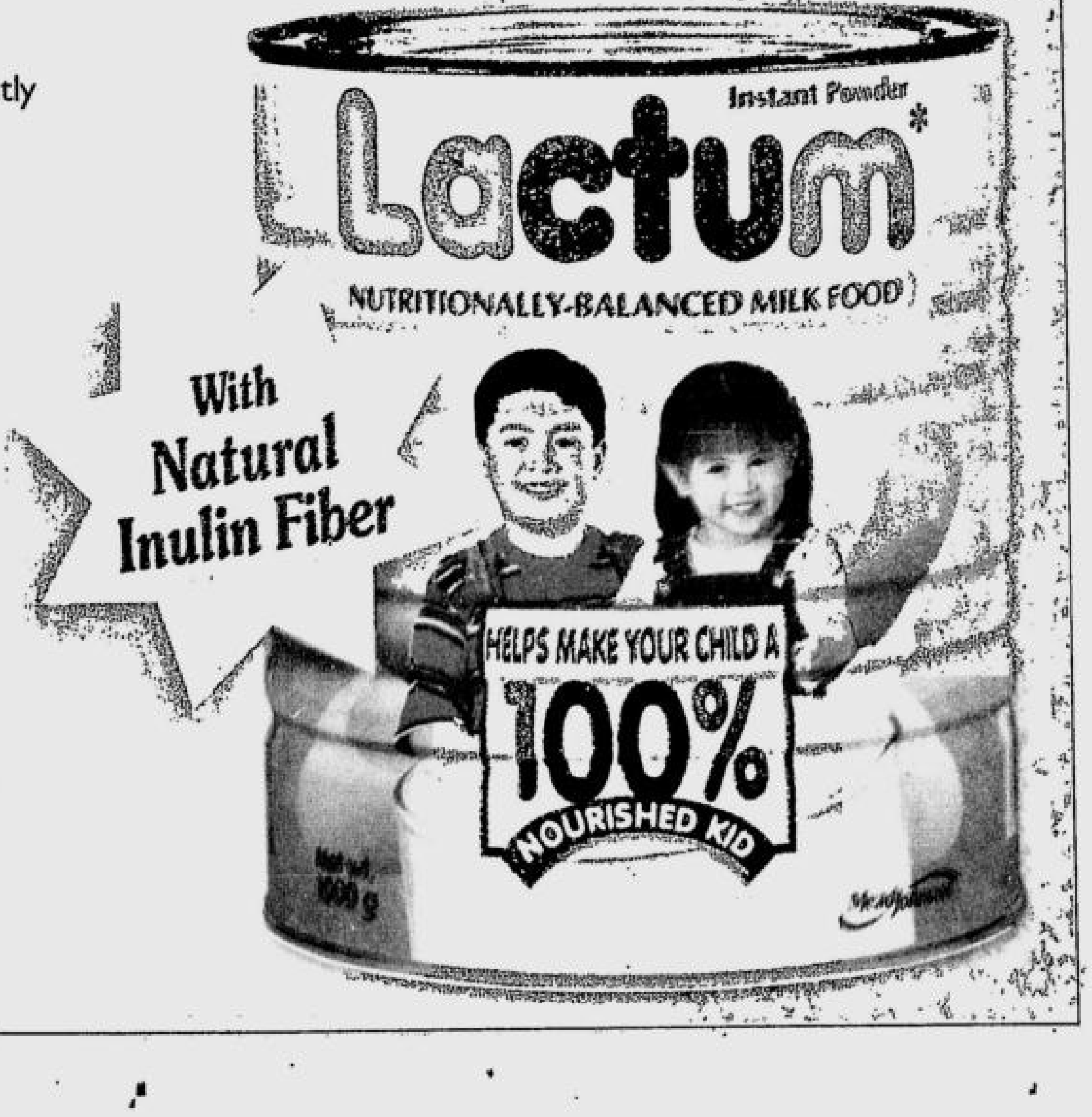

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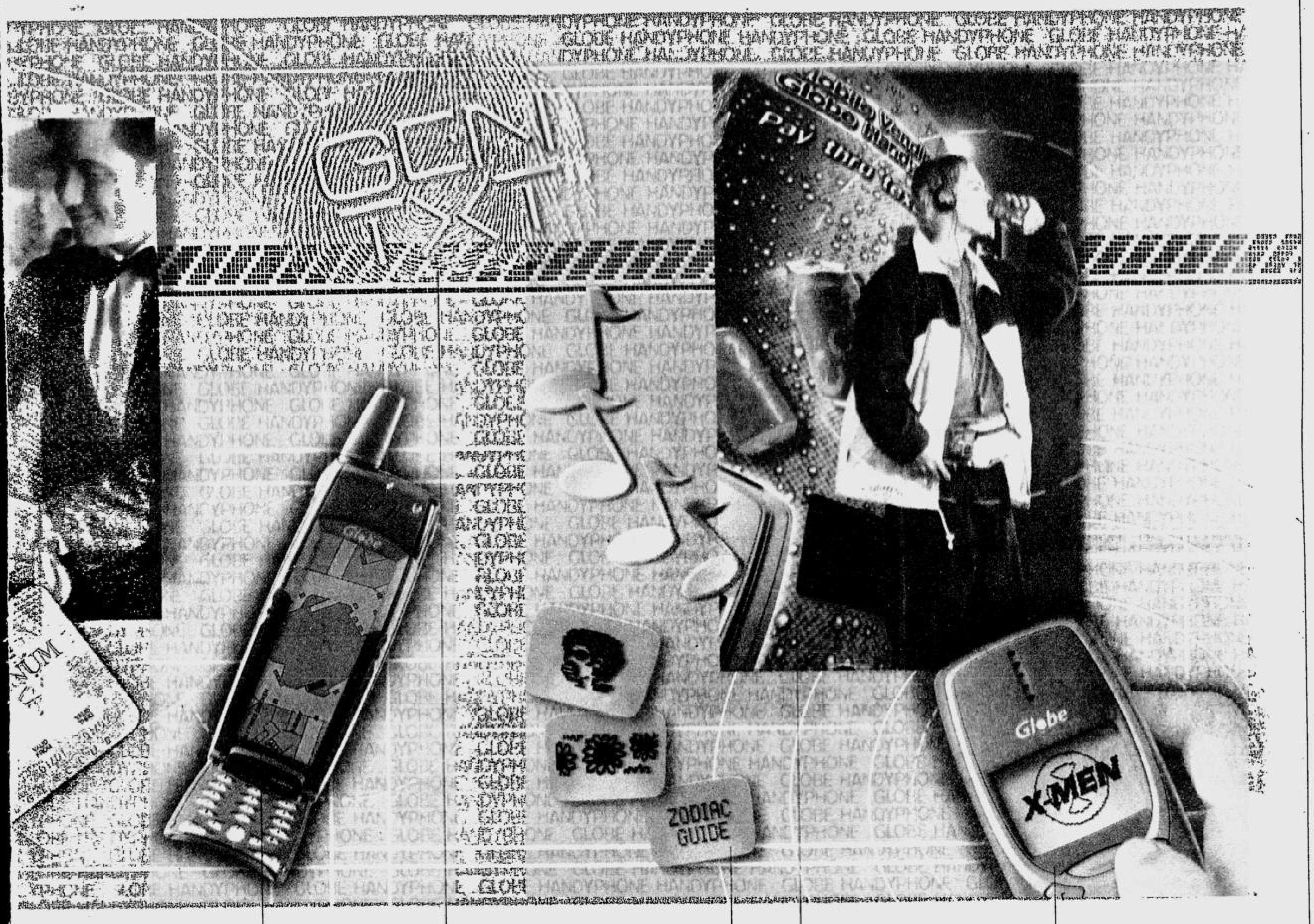
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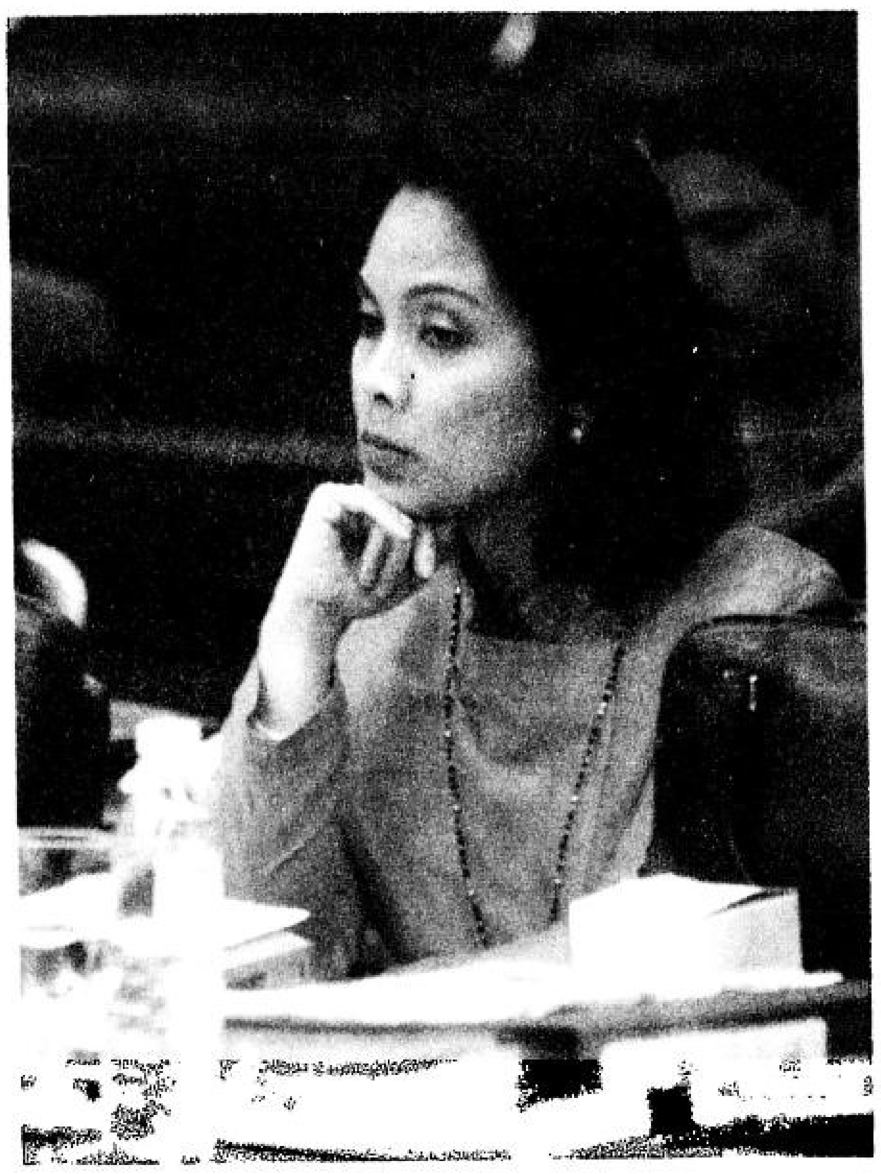
There isn't a color that Loren Legarda will not wear. 'I've worn all colors—black, white, green, orange, even purple . . . The first thing I consider about clothes is comfort'



# L is for Loren–and learning

(From page E1)

"My late mother's friends, mostly from Martha's Vineyard, help in the scholarship program," says Loren.

But even when Legarda was a broadcast journalist, she put her money where her heart was.

"When Loren was receiving a hefty six-figure monthly paycheck from working on television I wondered what she did with her money," says her husband, former Batangas governor Tony Leviste, who is increasingly being referred to as the next First Gentleman. He later discovered she was supporting scholars at UP Masscom.

The Loren Legarda Scholarship for Broadcast Communication Majors is a personally funded program exclusive to the University of the Philippines College of Mass Communications. "A tribute to my alma mater, my debt of gratitude for helping me achieve my dreams," says Loren.

Since the LLSBCM was initiated in 1990, it has helped seven scholars, namely, Leilani S. Feliciano, Marichell Santos, Jaymee Rebustillo, Diwata de Castro, Ma. Juzzara Simbulan, Donna Bel F. Lacsamana and Annabelle M. Benemerito. De Castro, who graduated cum laude—just like benefactor Legarda—eventually got hired as researcher for Loren's high-rating program "Inside Story" while Simbulan (also cum laude) joined Legarda's senatorial campaign and her subsequent legislative team.

### Passion

None of this, of course, is surprising because, as Loren puts it, "Learning has always been a passion." She admits to having been a serious, conscientious student, and she would have tilted perilously toward nerd-dom had it not been for her good looks. "Even when I was young I was eager to learn about everything. I was always reading during my free time. I would not only do my daily homework, I would do additional exercises even if not required by my teachers."

That same diligence she has carried over to the Senate. "The trial was exhausting," she says, referring to the long hours, the review that she made it a point to do at the end of each day and the mental preparation the next morning. And then again, there was the emotional and moral upheaval it caused every time evidence was presented before a nation on the brink of financial collapse that the highest official of the land was amassing wealth in legendary proportions.

Senator Legarda says she tried to stop the tears when the No votes won over the Yes votes that fateful Tuesday, but how do you tame the waves of frustration and pain? "Everywhere I went after that, people would tell me they cried with me that night," she says. Yes, they cried with Loren and then they went to Edsa, and the rest is history.

The pashminas she wore during the Impeachment Trial were 'not a fashion statement. I had to use them because it was freezing in there. I even had to wear thermal underwear.' She had bought the pashminas—in 20 different colors—on a trip to China with other senators

**SONY'S** Alan R. Fernandez, United Nation's Josie del Rosario-Fernandez, Belen Lovina Ticzon-Martel and Antonio V. Martel Jr.

**SUSAN** Legaspi-Paraski, Juliet Lovina Ticzon and PNB-NY's Willie Fernandez

**JACLYN** Clemente, Antonia T. Martel and Caroline Atanacio of Fordham University

# New York celebration for the Martels

ANTONIO V. Martel Jr., president and CEO of Harrison Plaza and chair of Marsteel Consolidated Inc., and his wife Belen Lovina Ticzon-Martel recently celebrated their wedding anniversary with a Mass at the famous New York landmark, St. Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue where the elegant and solemn wedding of the couple was officiated by Fr. William Scafidi many years ago.

Antonio and Belen, along with their only child, 16-year-old Antonia, an 11th grader at Brent International School Manila, hosted a private dinner for family and friends at New York's acclaimed restaurant, Le Cirque 2000.

The original plan was to have the Martels' traveling cook Mitwinda "Inday" Fernando whip up special Chinese and Filipino dishes at Ms Martel's well-appointed Trump Tower residence on Fifth Avenue. Instead their guests were treated to a dinner featuring award-winning cuisine by the exceptional Cambodian-born French-trained chef Sottha Khunn and pastry chef Patrice Caillot.

# Hair and makeup derby expected to draw thousands

A ROUND-TRIP ticket to London, England, site of the spectacular Salon International hair exhibition, plus a P15,000 cash prize, a gold medal, trophy and gift packs await the winner of Hair Asia's 10th National Open Championship for Hairstyling and Makeup.

Slated on March 6 at the World Trade Center on Roxas Boulevard, Manila, the event that has drawn thousands of local beauty stylists to compete year after year for top honors and major cash awards promises to outdo itself this year.

The first runner-up and second runner-up will receive P10,000 and P5,000, respectively, in addition to medals, trophies and gift packs. Cash prizes, medals, trophies and gift packs will be presented to the 24 most outstanding stylists and other competitors for the special awards segment.

As in previous years, the National Open Championship for Hairstyling and Makeup challenges aspiring and professional beauty practitioners to come up with their best creations in any or all of the contest's four categories: Ladies Creative Color, Haircutting and Blow-dry; Men's Creative Color, Haircutting and Blow-dry; Commercial Makeup and Creative Hairstyle, and Bridal Makeup. The entries will be judged according to design, technique and application, total look, and the appropriate costume and accessories.

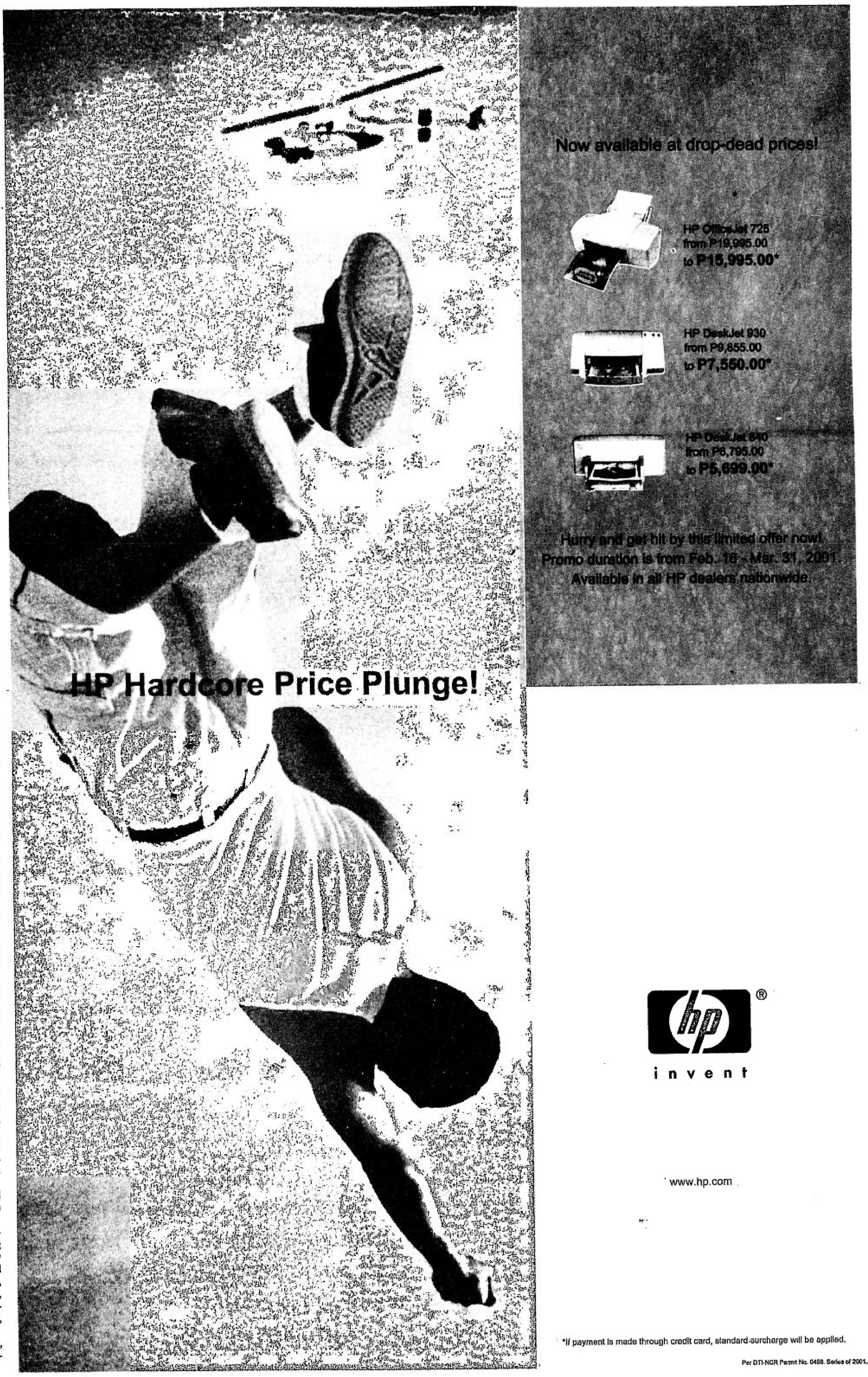
Launched in 1990 by Hair Asia publisher and organizer Evelyn Alvaran-Cruz, the contest has served as the springboard for many talented stylists' careers. Jinky Ilusorio is now a favored stylist for fashion designers. Victor Quemuel is a sought-after stylist in Bangkok. Laurence Leuterio has earned the reputation of being a stylist to the stars. Last year's winner, Dondon Saitas, is expected to follow in their footsteps.

Aside from the contest, there will be hair and makeup demos and a trade fair featuring the newest beauty products. Hair Asia will also unveil Profile, a quarterly glossy magazine on hairstyle and makeup. The premiere issue features articles on Trevor Sorbie, Vidal Sassoon, Toni and Guy, Christopher and Sonya Dove, Fanny Serrano, Henri Calayag, Jesi Mendez, Patrick Rosas and others.

The picture-heavy Salon newsletter will be handed free to all visitors on March 6 at the World Trade Center.

There will also be a cosmetic fair. Exhibitors include Koulours Colouring Crème and Tricks Styling Line from Splash, Aktuelle, Persona Aromatherapy Hot Oil Treamtent, Belcon Marketing, Braidwood International, Elvie Pienda Beauty Care Center, Framesi, Golden Fabulouz, Hortaleza Beauty Center, Joe Blasco, L'Oreal Professionel, Max Factor, Persona Cold Wave Lotion, Schwarzkopf, Sebastian, Total Beauty Supplies, and Wella.

Visit the Hair Asia office at 35 Judge Jimenez St., Kamuning, QC, or call 415-79777988 or telefax 926-9480.



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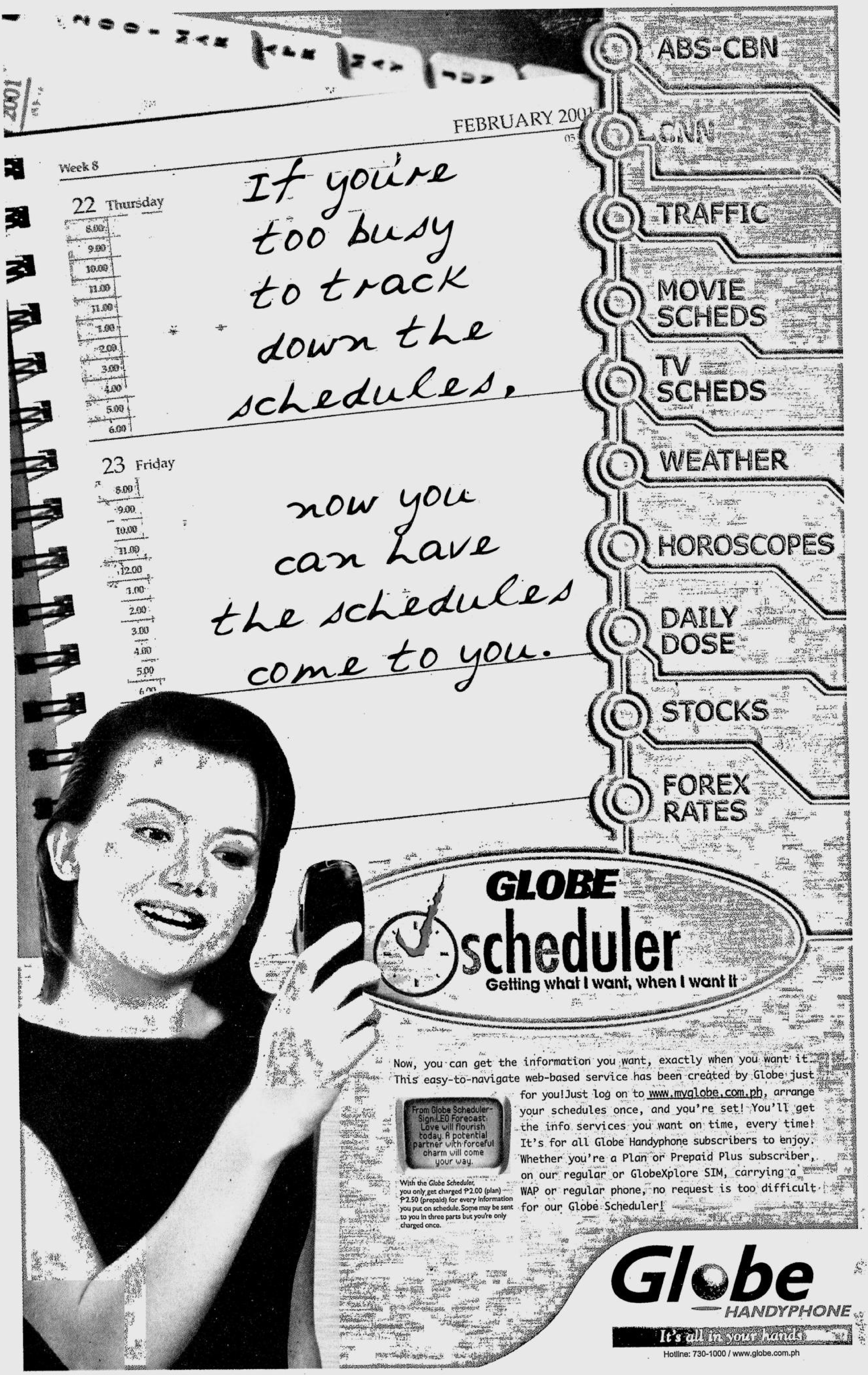

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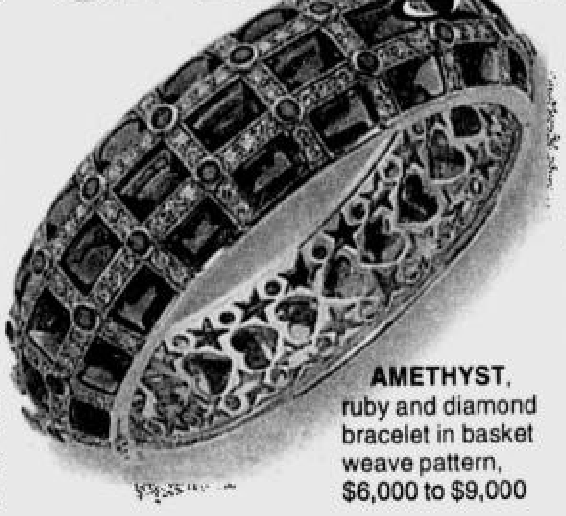
# Minerals of magnificence

Sotheby's allows a peek at its St. Moritz Magnificent Jewels auction, revealing gems that run the gamut from the fancy to fabulous

By Kitty Go



**AMETHYST**, ruby and diamond bracelet in basket weave pattern, $6,000 to $9,000

**HONG KONG—In the run-up to the Feb. 24 Magnificent Jewels sale in the skiing destination of St. Moritz, Sotheby's of Hong Kong held a two-day private viewing for select customers at its office in Central. At this by-invitation-only viewing, Douglas Walker, Sotheby's Geneva jewelry expert, and Mara Hotung, Hong Kong deputy head for important jewels, presented a well-edited selection of standout pieces from the St. Moritz Magnificent Jewels sale.**

Since 1976, Sotheby's has chosen the exclusive ski resort town as its site for sales of some of the most exquisite jewelry to come on the market. The pieces go on a three-city tour of its most important markets—New York, Hong Kong and Geneva—until its final stop at the luxurious Hotel Kulm in St. Moritz where the viewing started last Feb. 17 until the collection goes on the block on Feb. 24.

The Magnificent Jewels sale is the most exclusive and expensive of all of Sotheby's jewelry auctions. The 400-piece St. Moritz sale carries baubles priced from $6,000 to $700,000. It carries cultured pearls of varying colors and sizes, colored stones, dressy accessories from tie pins to minaudières and diamonds of all colors from a colorless 3-carat one to a yellow pear-shaped one of a whopping 31.84 carats. Some pieces have a social interest such as the gold, enamel and diamond tiger compact given to its present owner by Greek shipping tycoon Stavros Niarchos. Some of the pieces are historical and date from the late 1800s. One of the highlights of the sale is a nautical diamond brooch from 1878 made by Fouquet.

The jewelry house was founded in 1870s by Alphonse Fouquet. Together with Art Nouveau artist Alphonse Mucha, he created unique pieces for celebrities of that day like Sarah Bernhardt. The rose diamond piece in this sale is typical of the Fouquet style that used nautical themes. Its original design is preserved in the Musee des Art Decoratifs in Paris. Alphonse's children tried to continue the Fouquet tradition when he died in 1911. Unfortunately in 1936, Fouquet closed its doors for good.

Not all pieces have a sad tale. On the bright side (glittering gems, outlook and all), many pieces in this auction come from large, recognized jewelry houses like Bulgari, Van Cleef and Arpels, Harry Winston, Graff and Cartier. There are also pieces from smaller but no less notable European houses like Della Valle and Repossi.

### Harry Winston

There are two particularly prominent Harry Winston pieces. One is a bracelet of tapering baguette diamonds set in platinum which scrolls around like a ribbon connected by oval and pear-shaped diamonds. The asking price? $90,000 to $120,000. There is also a 4.16-carat Burmese ruby ring bordered by marquise-cut diamonds for $60,000 to $80,000.

Cartier also figures prominently in this auction with pieces from the 1930s such as an onyx and diamond watch with an asking price of $6,000 to $9,000 or an onyx, ruby and diamond evening bag with a rock crystal handle estimated at $10,000 to $13,000. There is even a gold and enamel scent bottle with tiger's eye brooch for $600 to $900.

But the highlight of the Cartier lots is a pair

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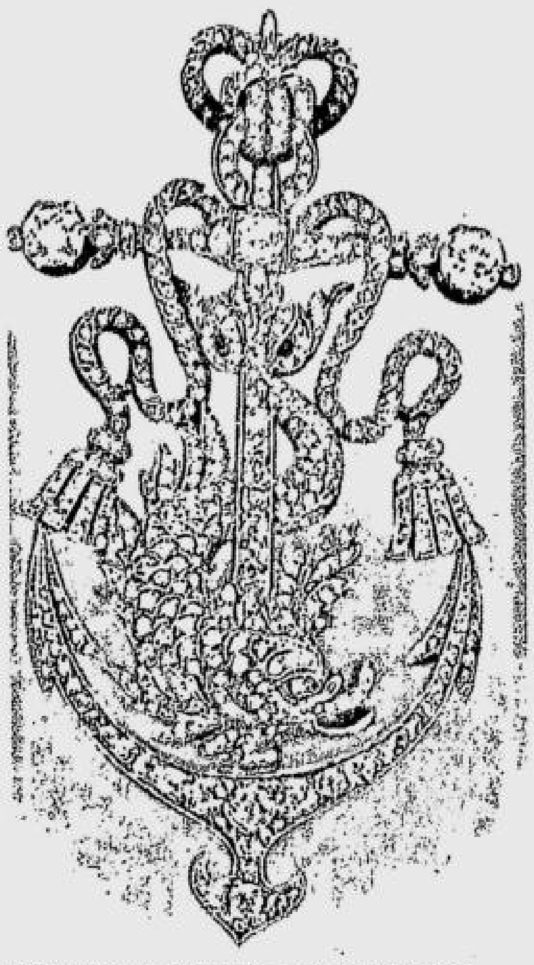

**ROSE** diamond brooch made by Alphonse Fouquet in 1878 ($18,000 to $25,000)

**FROM TOP TO BOTTOM:** Van Cleef and Arpels, circa 1960, gold and diamond evening purse ($3,000 to $5,000); Gold, enamel and diamond compact from Stavros Niarchos to present owner ($4,000 to $6,000); Ruby, emerald and diamond set of earrings, bracelet and necklace from the 1960s ($7,500 to $9,000)

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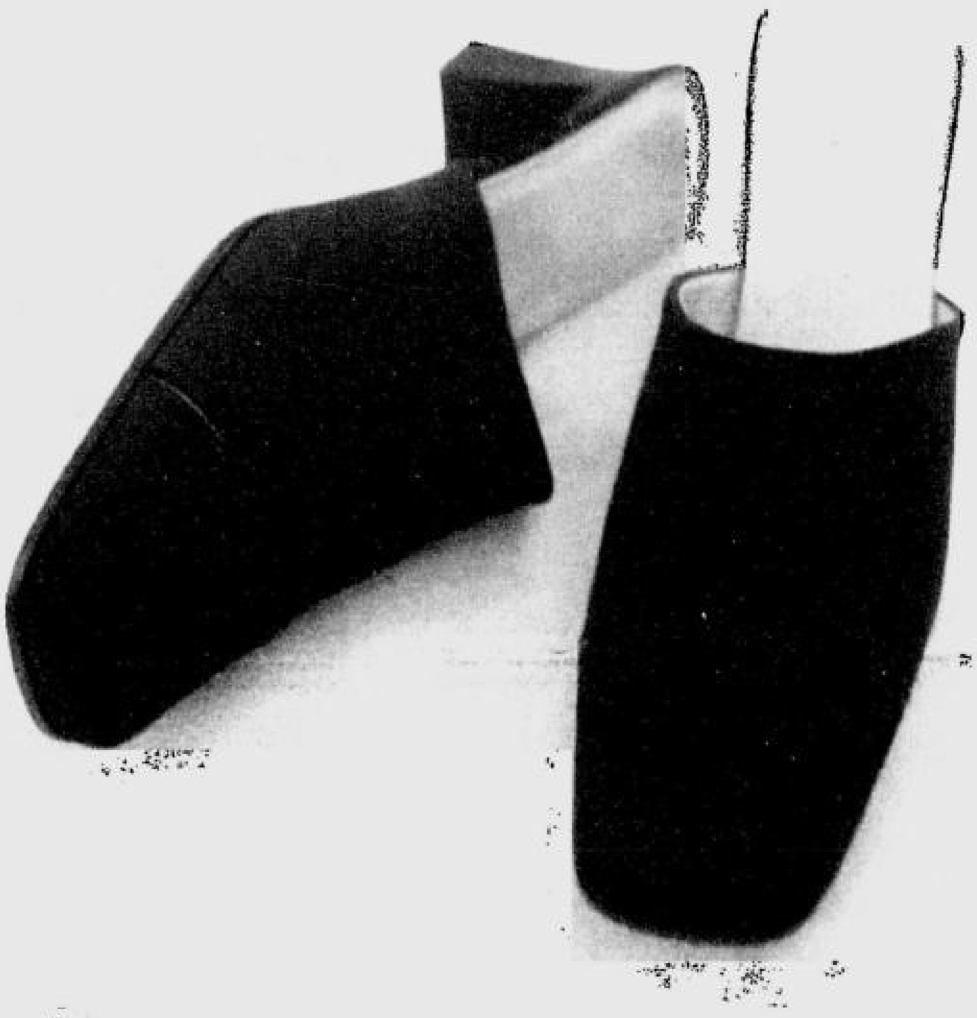

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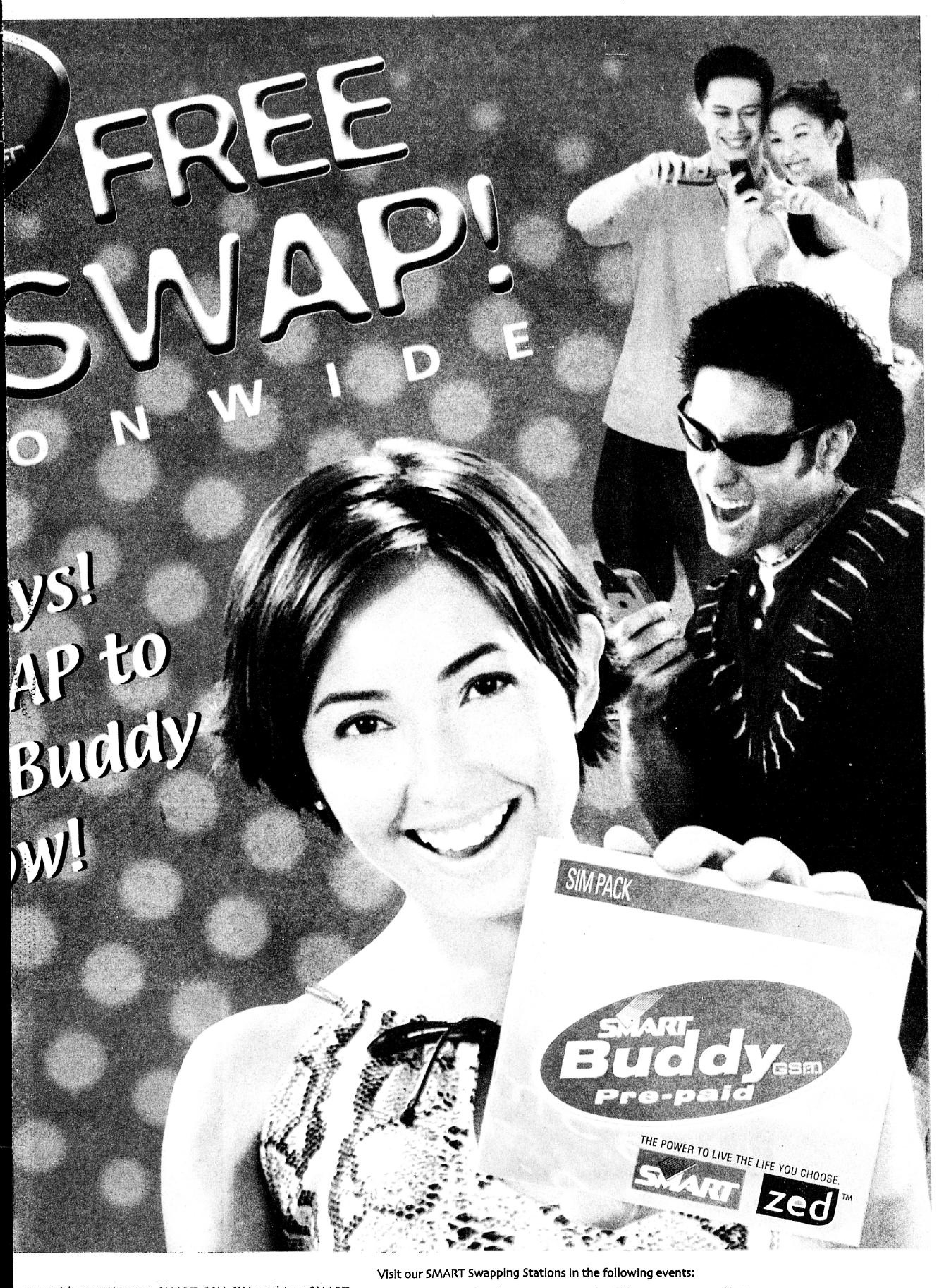

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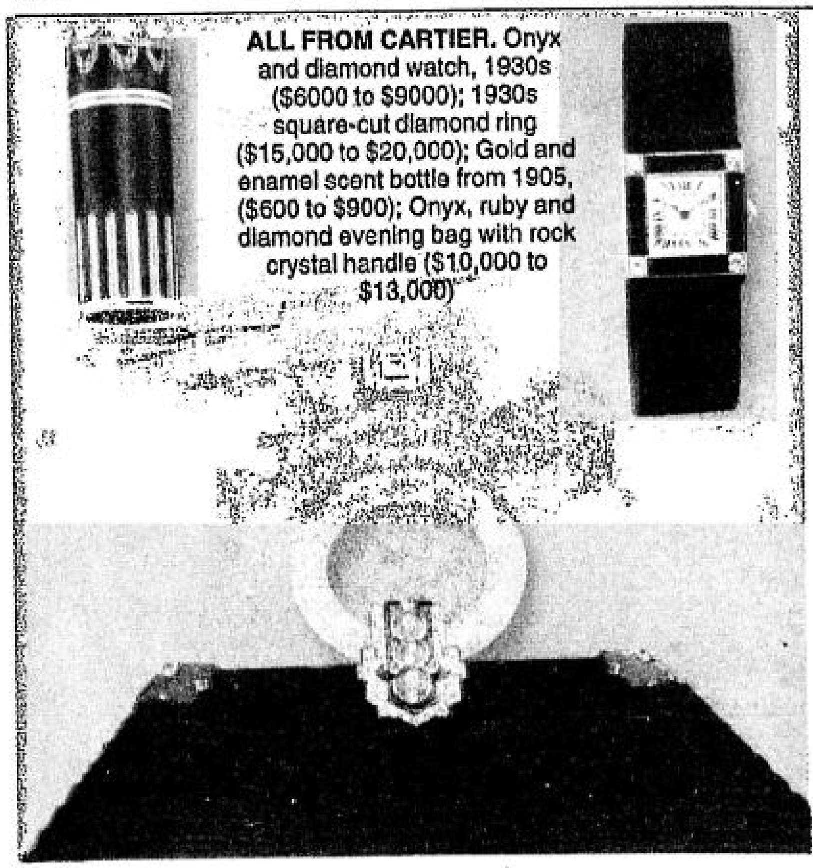

**ALL FROM CARTIER.** Onyx and diamond watch, 1930s ($6000 to $9000); 1930s square-cut diamond ring ($15,000 to $20,000); Gold and enamel scent bottle from 1905, ($600 to $900); Onyx, ruby and diamond evening bag with rock crystal handle ($10,000 to $13,000)

# Minerals of magnificence

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of onyx, emerald and diamond bracelets mounted on platinum from the 1930s. These pieces are unique and stunning examples of classic Cartier Art Deco style. It is interesting to note that Cartier was one of the first houses to incorporate onyx or black enamel with diamonds or colored stones and that its bold and geometric Art Deco style is what catapulted its now venerated name to fame in the first half of the 20th Century.

Another fabulous lot to be auctioned estimated at $500,000 to $600,000 is a pair of pear-shaped gray-blue and orange-yellow diamond earclips of 5 carats each, hanging from clusters of colorless diamonds. The pendants (colored pear drops) are detachable. Then there are the two most expensive lots in the sale, both estimated at $600,000 to $700,000 each: an emerald brooch decorated with diamond clusters and an intense pink diamond ring. The ring is 6.01carats in a rectangular cut mounted on platinum. It is the fourth largest—and soon-to-be one of the most expensive—rocks in pink diamond history! The highest price ever paid per carat for a pink diamond sold at auction was about $6 million for an emerald-cut 7.37-carat piece. This piece was sold through Sotheby's in November 1995.

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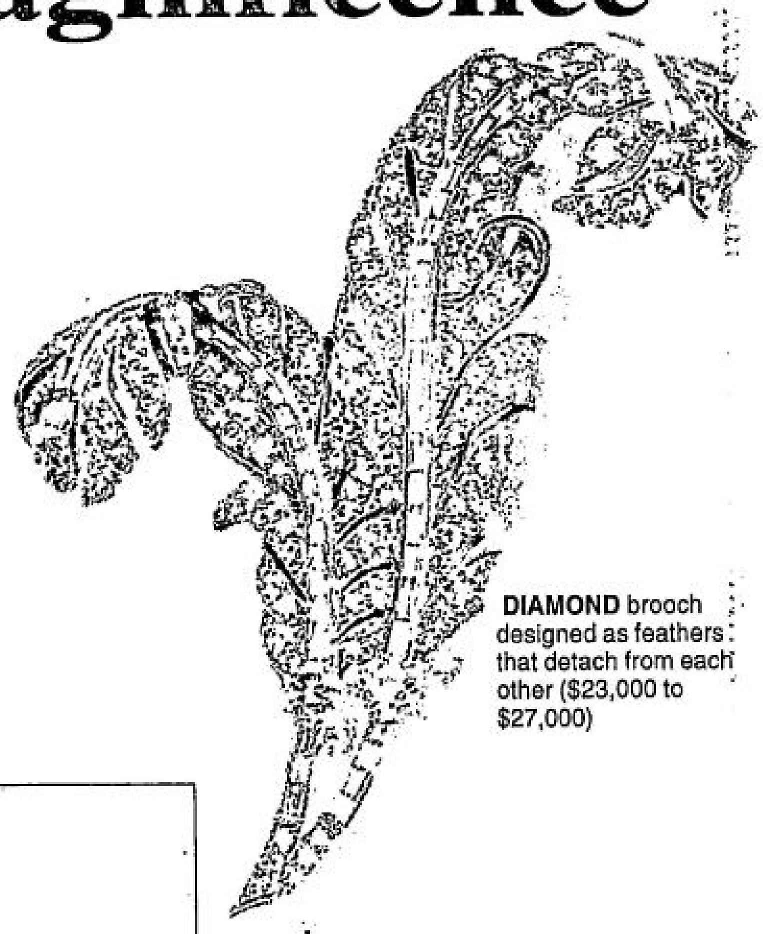
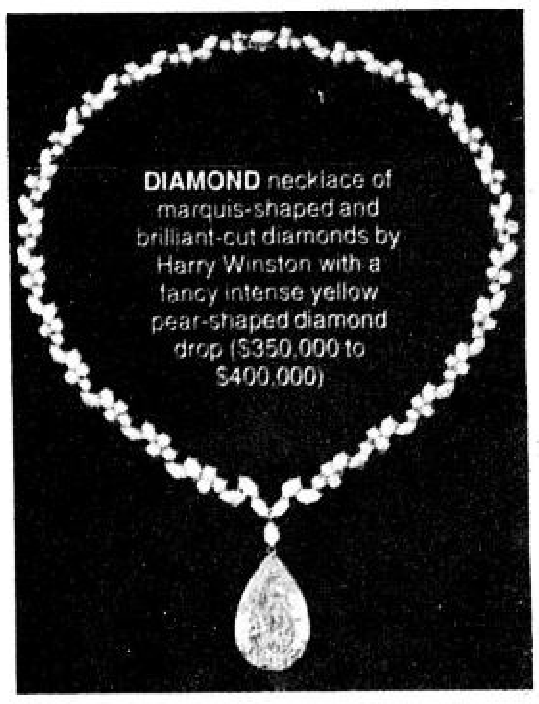
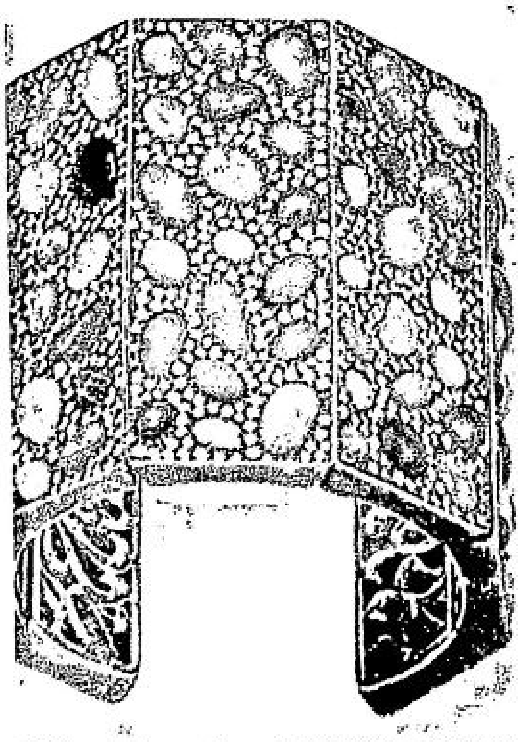


**DIAMOND** brooch designed as feathers that detach from each other ($23,000 to $27,000)



**DIAMOND** necklace of marquis-shaped and brilliant-cut diamonds by Harry Winston with a fancy intense yellow pear-shaped diamond drop ($350,000 to $400,000)



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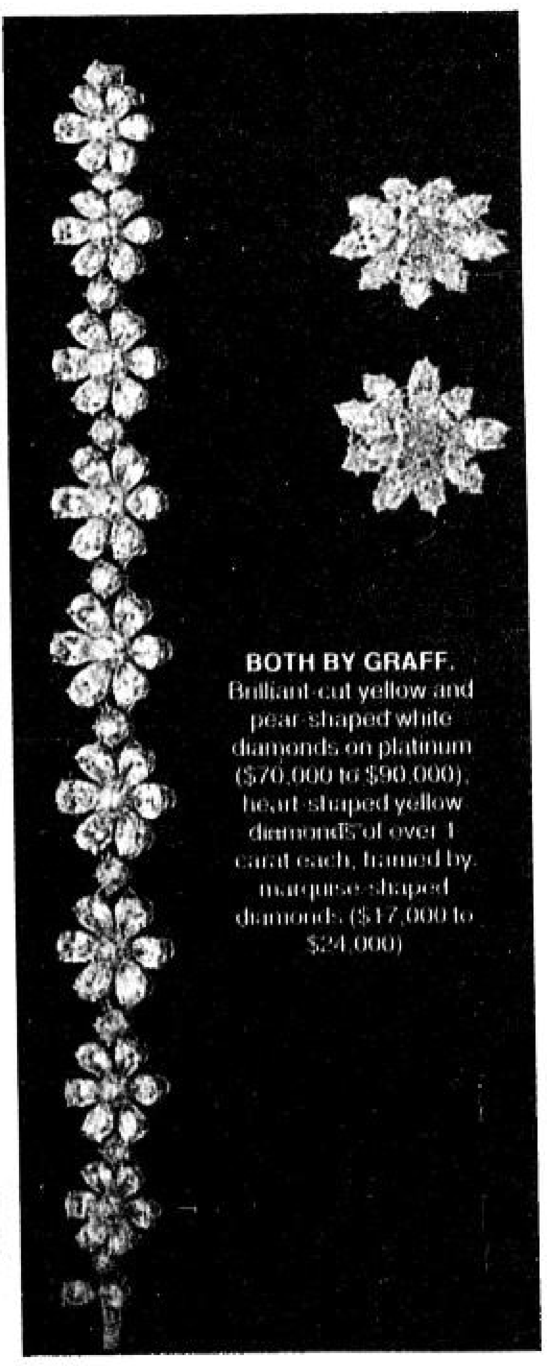

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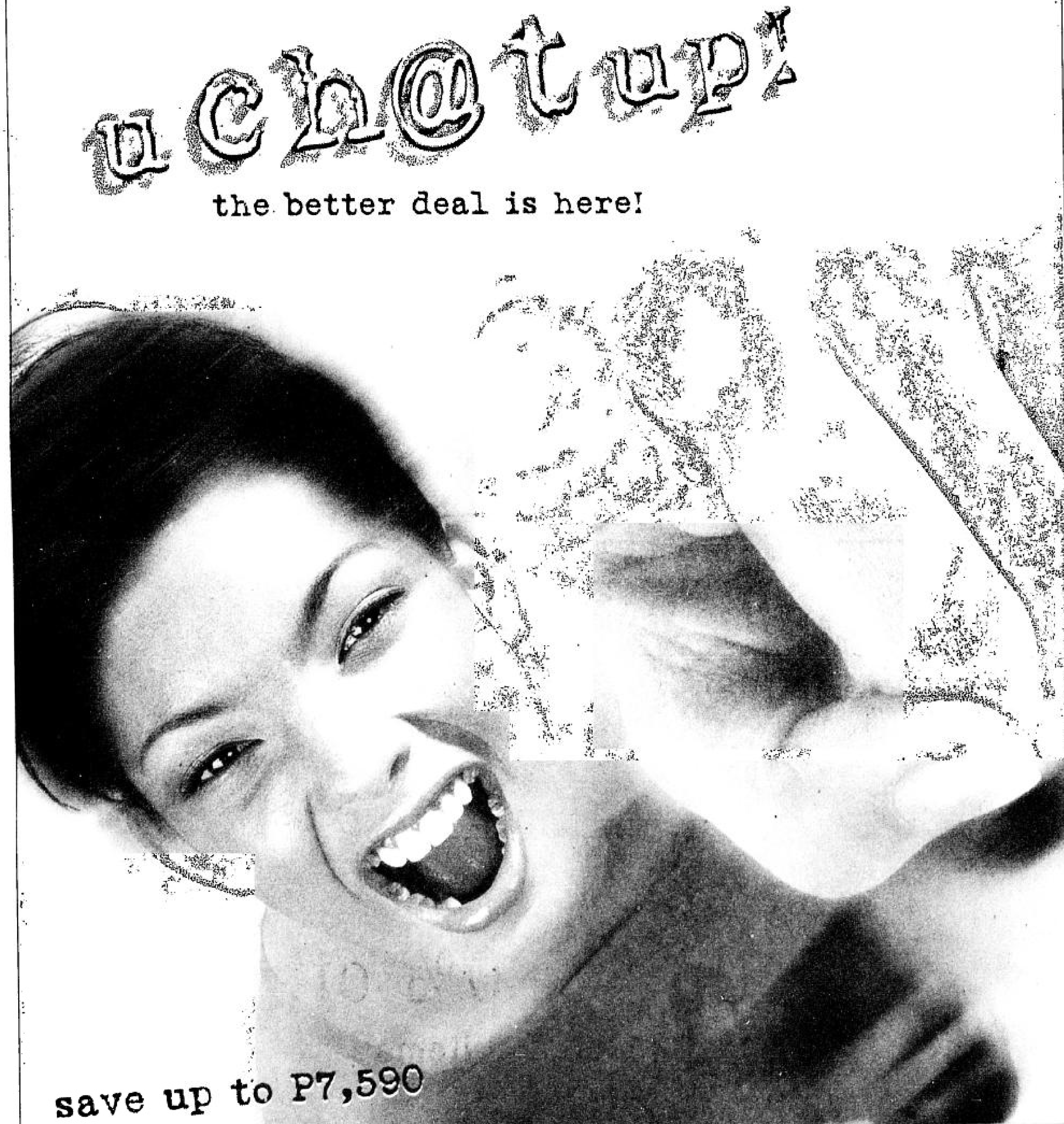

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Their families and friends believed that God intended the couple to be one. And Bishop Ted Bacani echoed this in his wedding homily, "Even at the moment of conception in each of your mother's wombs, God created you Let for Ricky and you Ricky for Let. Because He loves you so much He made People Power II triumph peacefully on your wedding day!"

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As Tony Rodriguez, their wedding florist, said, "Whatever happens, just go through with the wedding. You may do without the flowers, guests, reception. What is important is the sacrament."

So Let walked toward the altar hand in hand with her mom, all so

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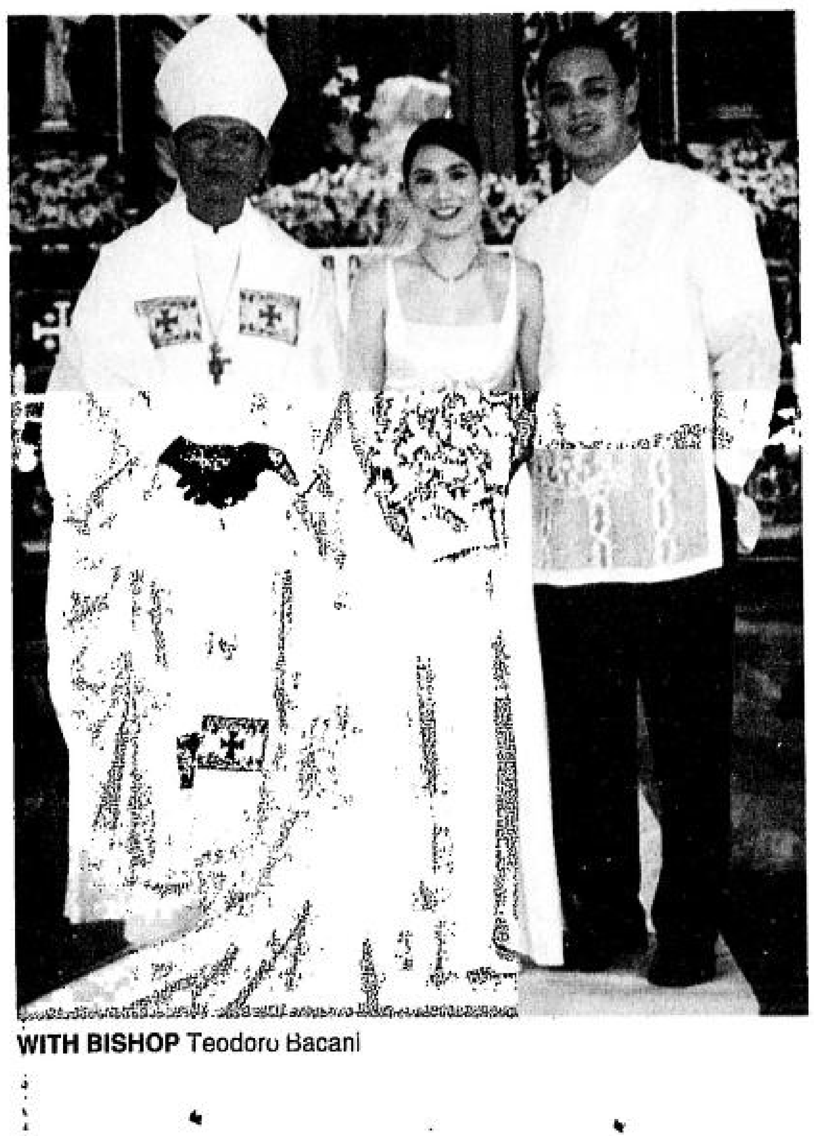
**THE NEWLYWEDS** with their godparents, from left, Nena Villavicencio, Elvira Mayo, Mila T. Puyat, Marixi R. Prieto, Adrian Ocampo, Ernie Villavicencio, Ramon Mojica and Ben Sablan

**THE BRIDE** with her sisters Lia, Concep and Vicki and their mom Vicky

**CHITO** and Carol Villavicencio



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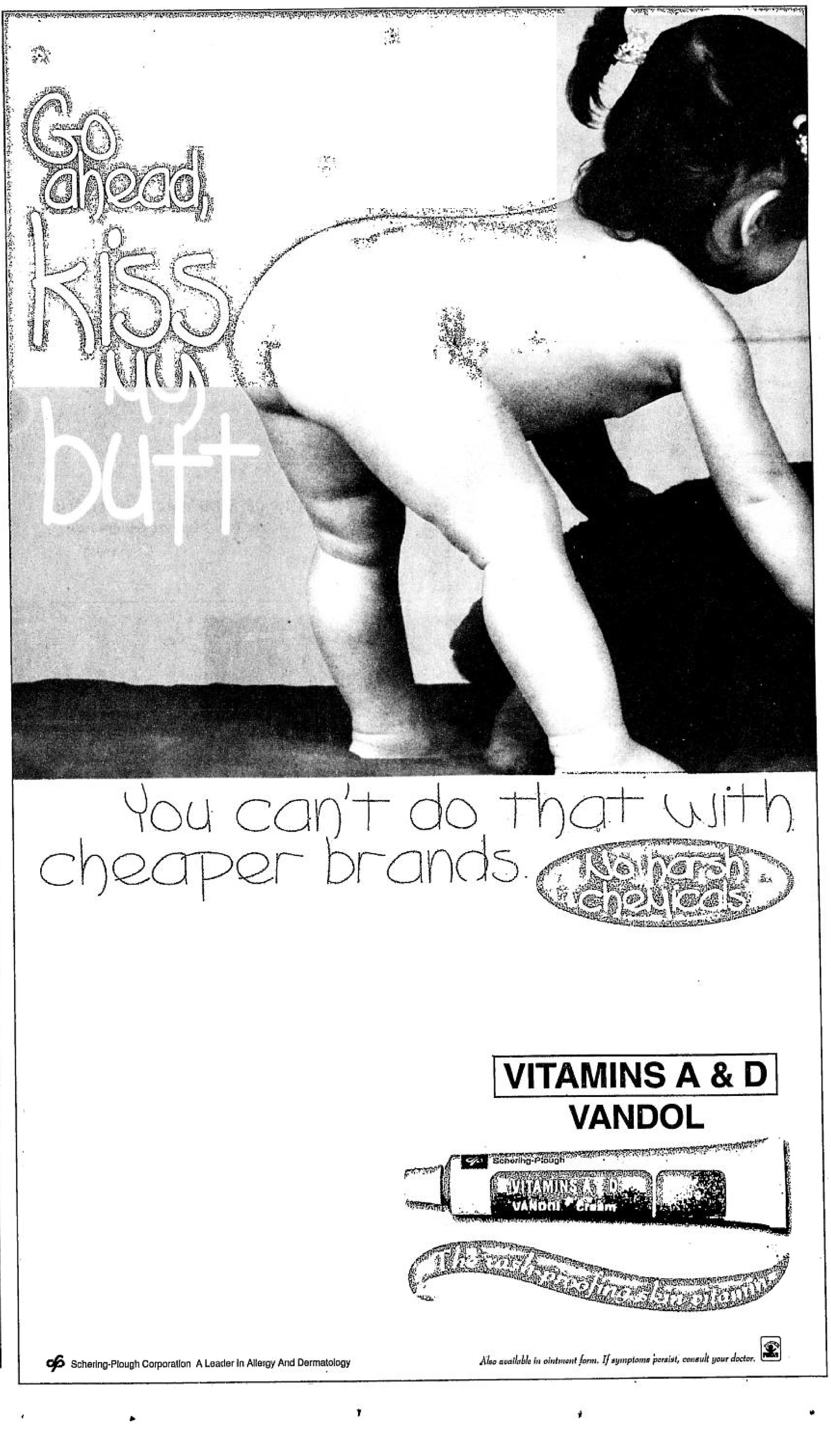

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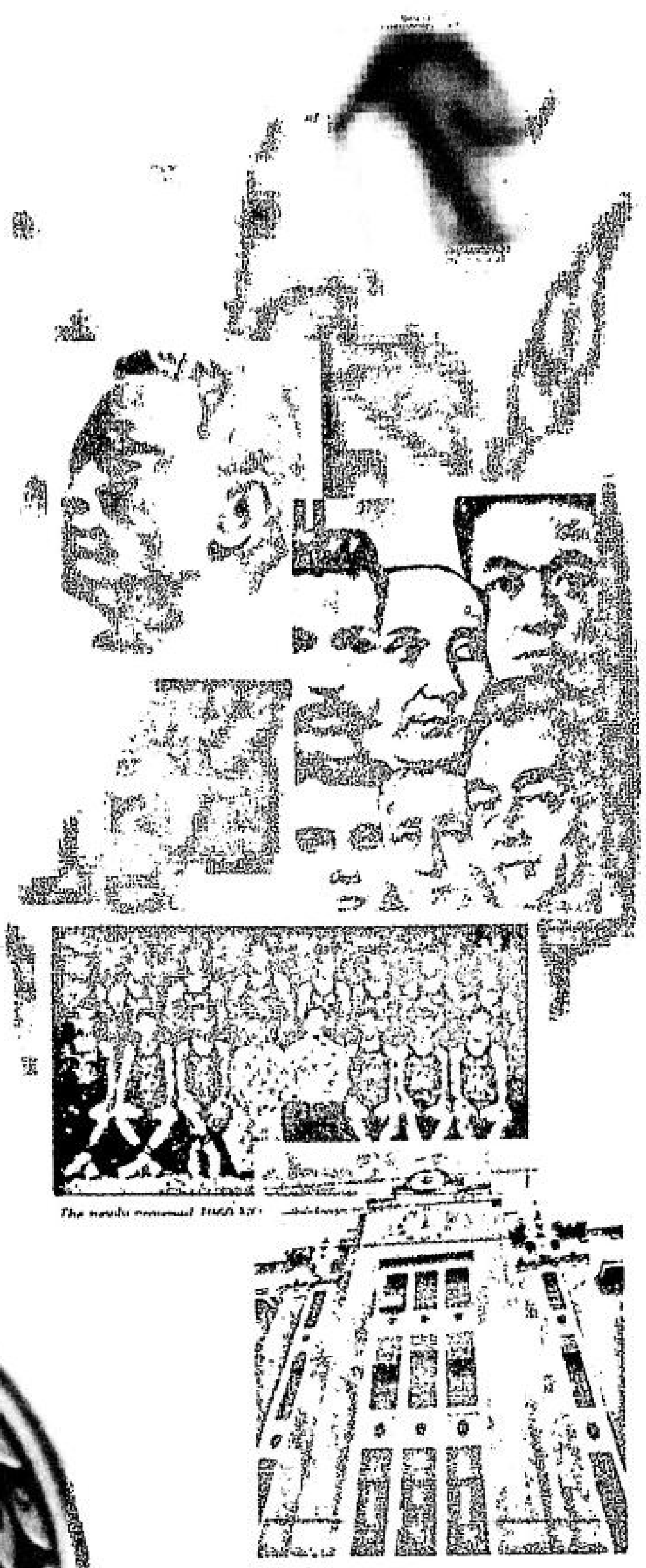

## Milestones

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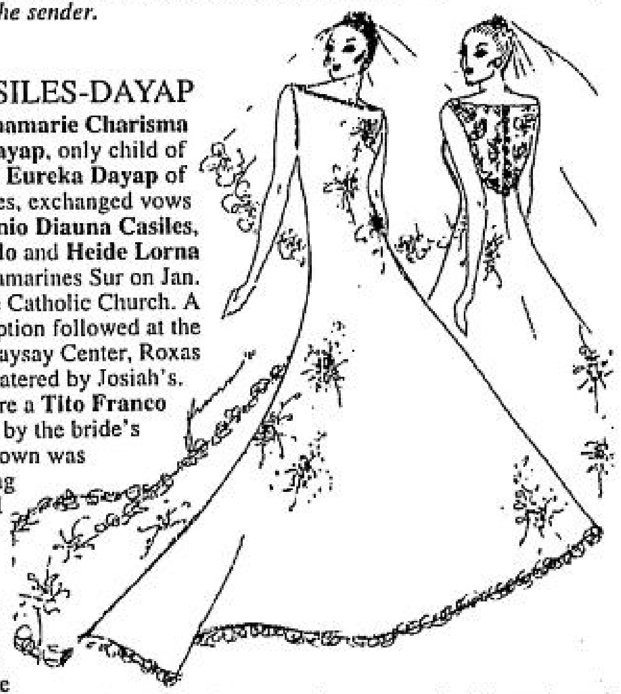


### CASILES-DAYAP

**Djinamarie Charisma Villanueva Dayap**, only child of **Ignacio** and **Eureka Dayap** of Botolan, Zambales, exchanged vows with **Leo Antonio Diauna Casiles**, son of **Leopoldo** and **Heide Lorna Casiles** of Pili, Camarines Sur on Jan. 13 at the Malate Catholic Church. A dinner reception followed at the Ramon Magsaysay Center, Roxas Boulevard, catered by Josiah's.

Djina wore a **Tito Franco** creation inspired by the bride's design. Her gown was made of shantung silk embellished with dainty floral lace traced with cut glass and sugar beads scattered in the bodice. To complement the gown's sabrina neckline, the back was cut low, covered with see-through Spanish organza and appliquéd with the same floral lace. The bride's detachable train was also appliquéd with beaded lace. She wore a matching Spanish-lace veil adorned by a simple tiara.

### RAMOS-SALVADOR

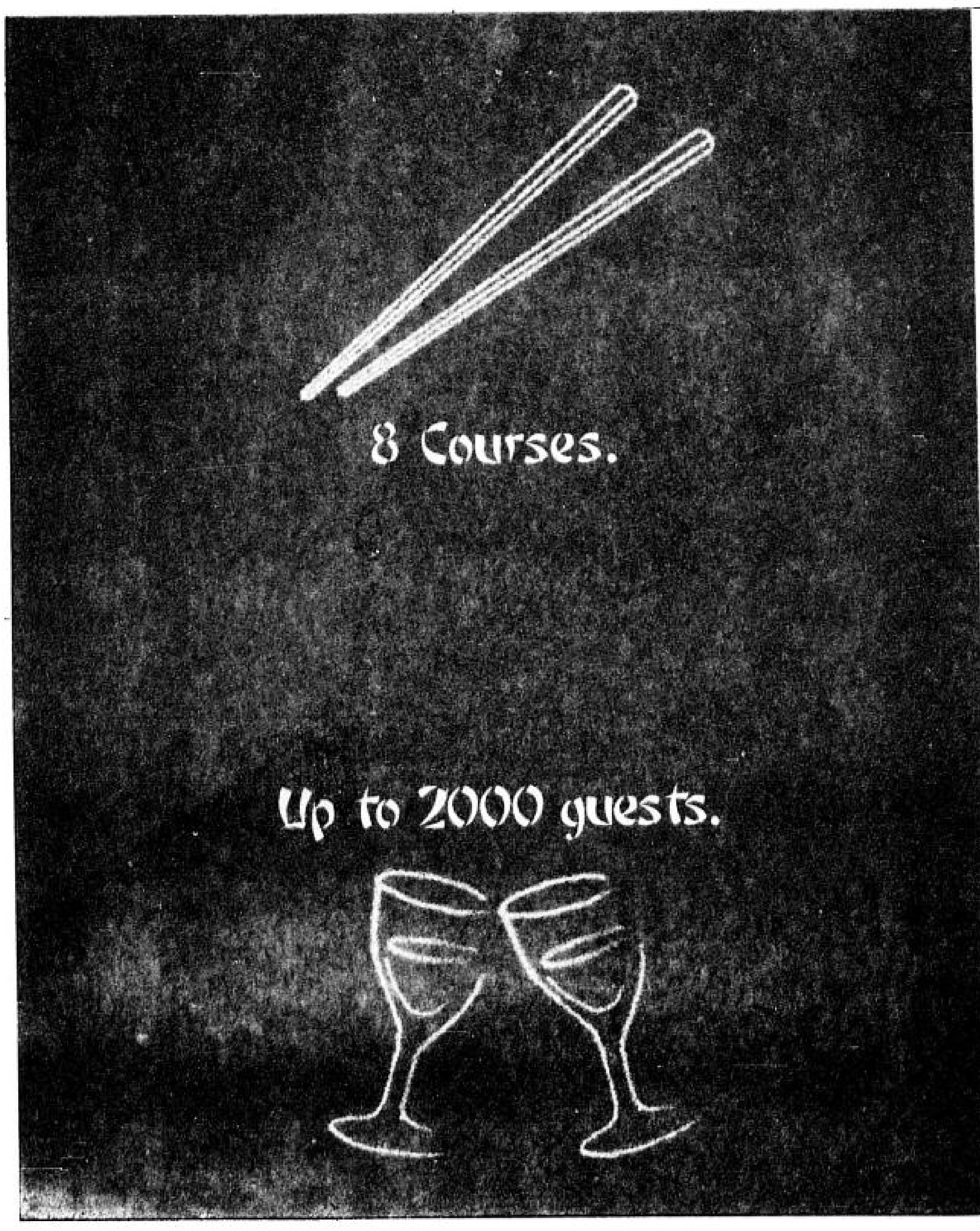
**Romel Ramos** and **Ma. Zenaida "Chea" Salvador** exchanged vows on Nov. 18 at the Immaculate Conception Parish, Pasig City. The groom is the son of **Romeo** and **Norma Ramos**, while the bride is the daughter of **Mario** and **Zenaida Salvador**.

### TORIO-VALDERIA

Doctors **Rolijun D. Torio** and **Evamarie C. Valderia** exchanged vows on Jan. 27 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in UP Village, QC. Both are graduates of the UST College of Medicine. Rolijun is the son of Mr. and Ms **Rolando Torio** of Marikina City; Evamarie is the only daughter of engineer and Ms **Nemencio V. Valderia** of Talacsan, San Rafael, Bulacan. Reception followed at the Quezon Ballroom of Sulo Hotel.

### RUELOS-AGUINALDO

**Robbie Ruelos**, son of **Benjamin** and **Corazon Ruelos**, married **Cindy Aguinaldo**, daughter of **Victor** and **Yolanda Aguinaldo**, on Jan. 20 at the Our Lady of Fatima Church in Kawilihan Village, Pasig City. The bride wore a princess-cut gown with a sweeping train in light silver-gray duchess satin by Galatea designers **Jontie** and **Nicky Martinez**.



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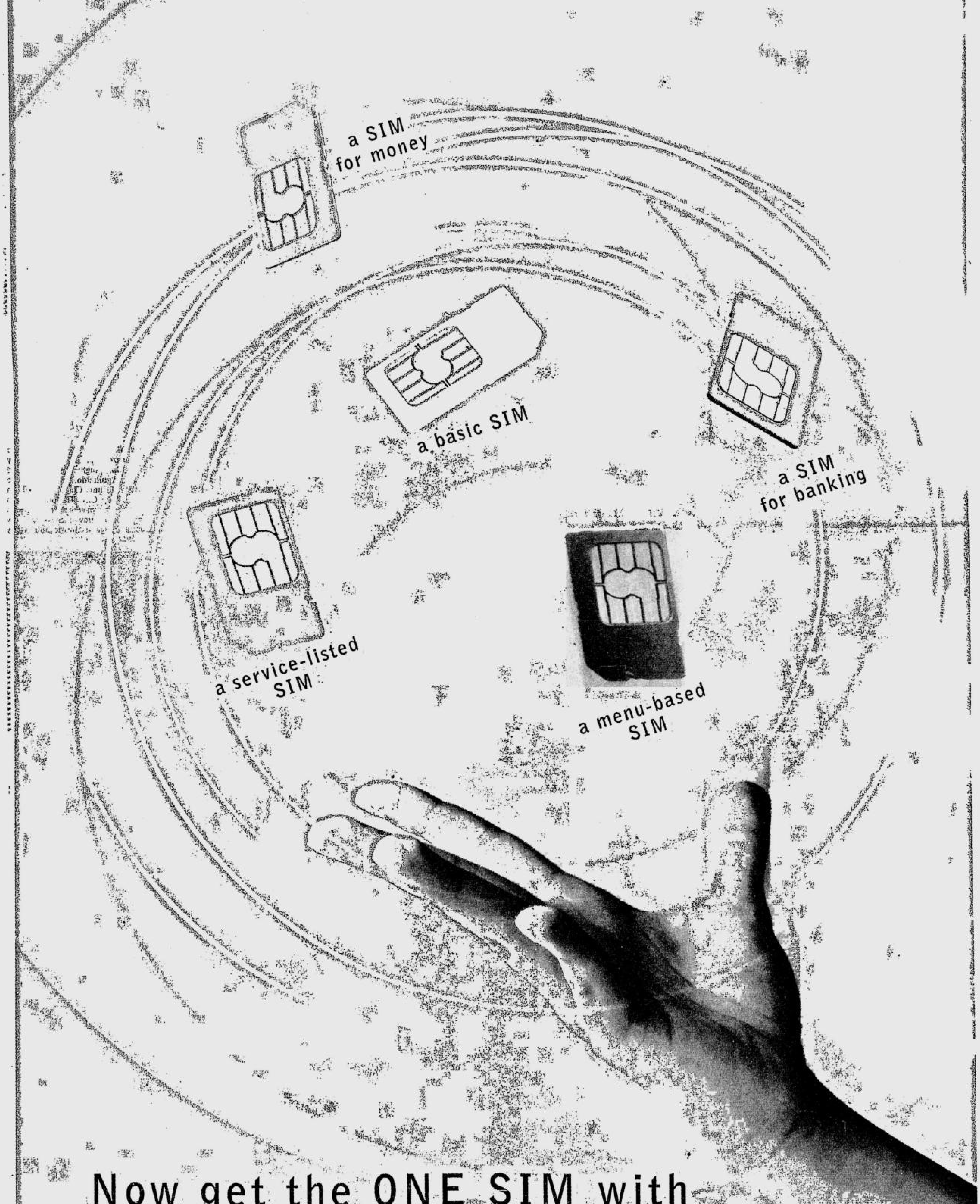
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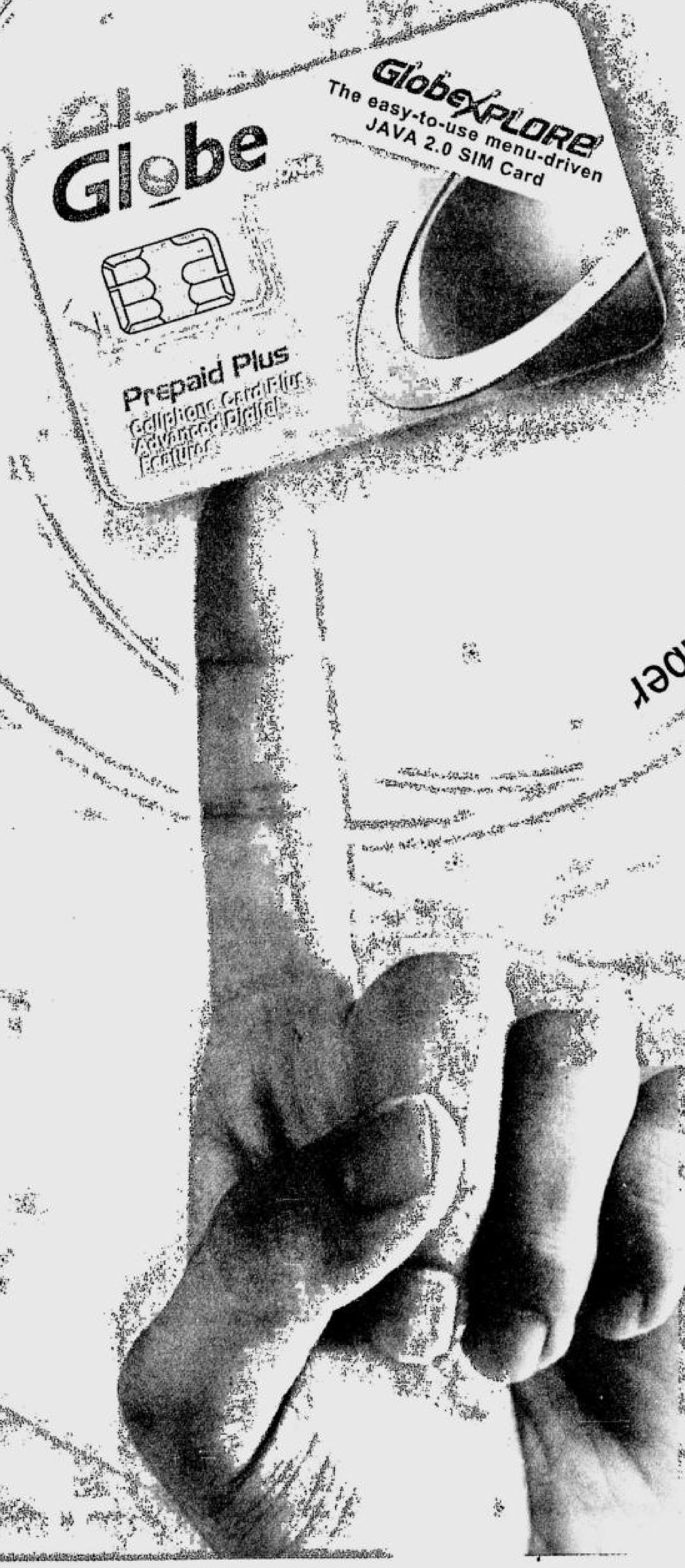
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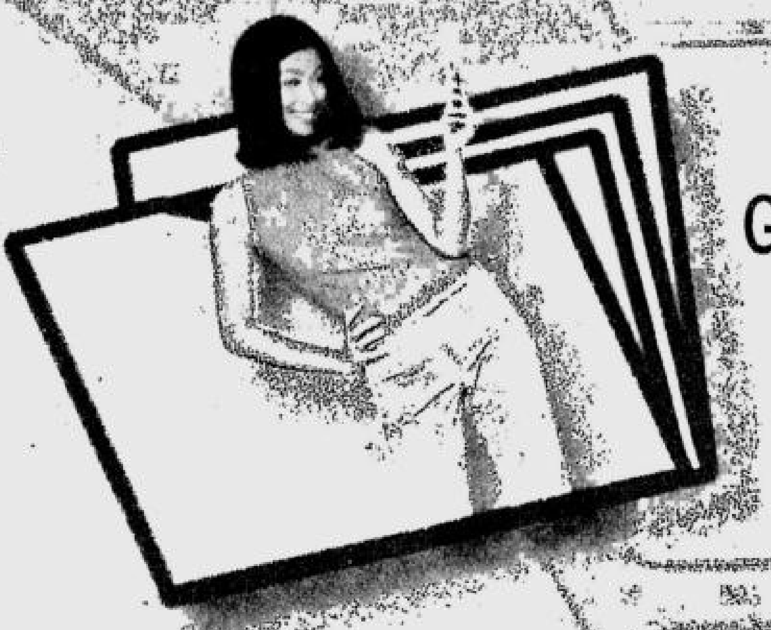

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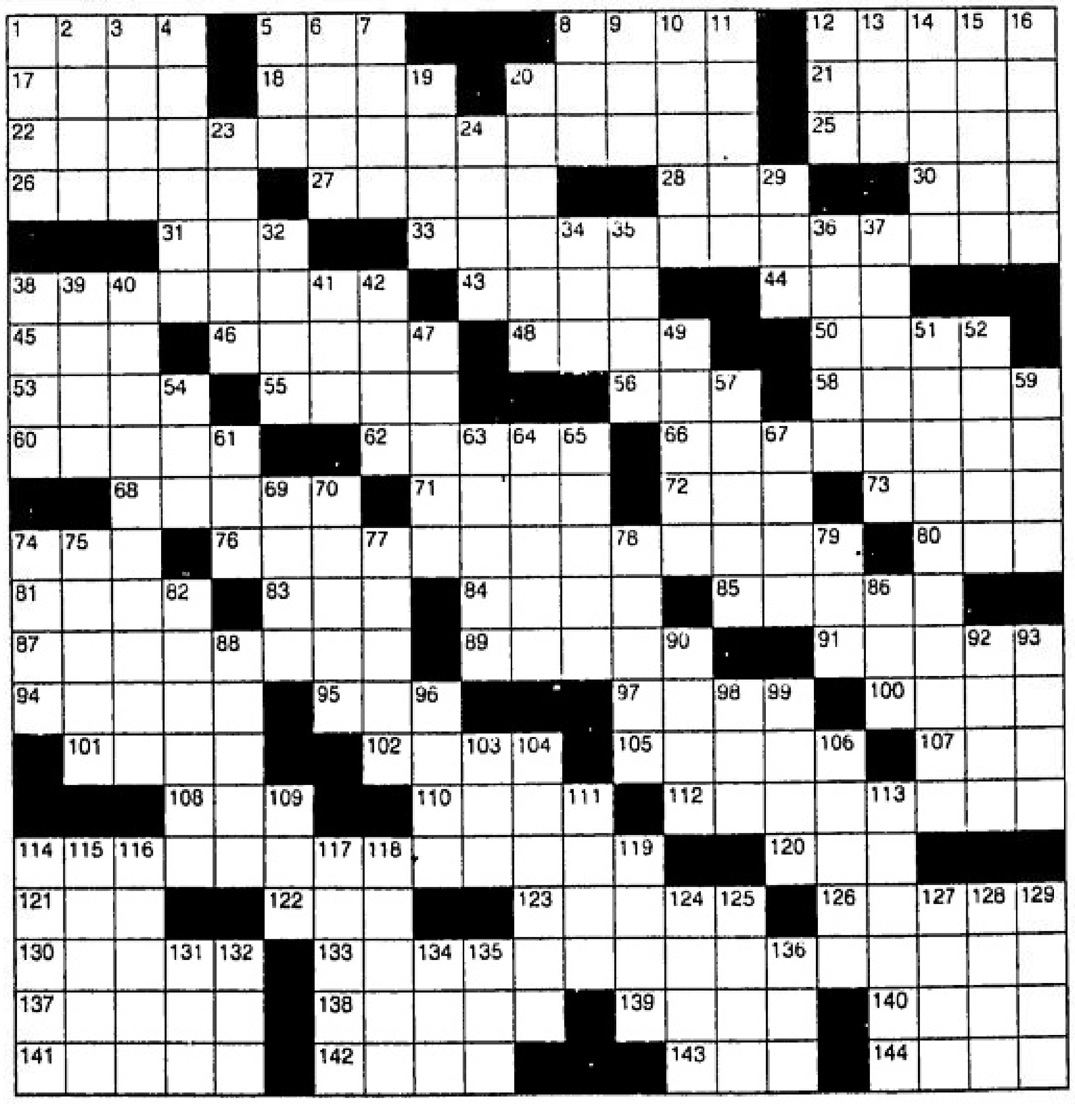

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**ACROSS**
- 1 Pinza or Chaliapin
- 5 Basilica feature
- 8 Page
- 12 — pants
- 17 Relative of PDQ
- 18 Crude cartel
- 20 Comic Radner
- 21 It's down in the mouth
- 22 Connecticut senator
- 25 Cotonou's country
- 26 Swiss miss?
- 27 Rustic sight
- 28 Villainous Luthor
- 30 Bit
- 31 "Nightmare" street
- 33 "Pelleas et Melisande" composer
- 38 Intrude
- 43 About
- 44 Sky light?
- 45 August one
- 46 Watchband
- 48 Say "Hey!"
- 50 Drummer Buddy
- 53 Cold-war accord
- 55 Scrabble piece
- 56 Ring site?
- 58 Hero's horse
- 60 Actress Slezak
- 62 Stopped in one's tracks
- 66 Singer Elvis
- 68 Scandinavian
- 71 Handy bit of Latin
- 72 — Jima
- 73 Window part
- 74 "— Eyes" ('79 hit)
- 76 "New Look" couturier
- 80 Cambodia's Lon —
- 81 Articulated
- 83 Gridiron position
- 84 Art deco name
- 85 Clementi composition
- 87 Fit neatly
- 89 Philharmonic section
- 91 He had a gilt complex
- 94 Pennsylvania sect
- 95 Velvet finish
- 97 Tragic fate
- 100 They squeak for themselves
- 101 Vino center
- 102 Crucifix
- 105 Photo book
- 107 Trams transport it
- 108 Subordinate Claus?
- 110 Football's Aikman
- 112 Architect, for instance
- 114 "The Descent of Man" author
- 120 Fumble
- 121 Empty (of)
- 122 Wagner's "— fliegende Hollander"
- 123 Sneaks peeks
- 126 Carries
- 130 Removes the cork
- 133 1974 Tony-winning actress
- 137 "Killer Tomatoes" sound
- 138 Fiddled (with)
- 139 Screenwriter James
- 140 Talbot or Naldi
- 141 Like the kitchen sink
- 142 Risked a ticket
- 143 Scrape by, with "out"
- 144 Action figure

**DOWN**
- 1 Big name in Baroque
- 2 '68 US Open winner
- 3 Amritsar attire
- 4 Miss Muffet's nemesis
- 5 Word with cheese or roast
- 6 Homer's field
- 7 Bawled
- 8 Cover
- 9 "Evil Woman" rockers
- 10 Confuse
- 11 Lost luster
- 12 Wheel part
- 13 "Hi, Horace!"
- 14 Puniest pups
- 15 Inventor Howe
- 16 Actor Patinkin
- 19 Stylish
- 20 Bathed in butter
- 23 Corn holders
- 24 Actress Joyce
- 29 Makes one's mark
- 32 Swimmer Biondi
- 34 Multipurpose vehicle
- 35 Lamebrain
- 36 Pop
- 37 Joins forces
- 38 Different
- 39 Around the corner
- 40 Covent Garden conductor
- 41 Dernier —
- 42 Grapefruit serving
- 47 Shimon of Israel
- 49 Clear
- 51 "The Power of Love" singer
- 52 Opening remark?
- 54 Tyson stat
- 57 Crockett colleague
- 59 TV's "My Living —"
- 61 Eyebrow shape
- 63 Aquatic mammal
- 64 Former African nation
- 65 Bring bliss
- 67 Santa's problem
- 69 Mets' milieu
- 70 Singer Maresca
- 74 Fountain order
- 75 Luncheonette lure
- 77 Gentleman of leisure?
- 78 "Pagliacci" soprano
- 79 Pirate's quaff
- 82 Flatt or Pearson
- 86 Indistinct
- 88 Tenor Georges
- 90 Auctioneer's cry
- 92 43,560 square feet
- 93 Cassandra, for one
- 96 Part of NB
- 98 UK honor
- 99 Ruminate
- 103 Legendary Bruin
- 104 Used a divining rod
- 106 High spirits
- 109 Nourished
- 111 Surprised shout
- 113 Terra firma
- 114 Misfortune
- 115 Hefty herbivore
- 116 Writer Rogers St. Johns
- 117 Factions
- 118 Sag
- 119 1492 vessel
- 124 Brink
- 125 Pursue
- 127 The Chipmunks, e.g.
- 128 Ferrara first family
- 129 Galaxy glitterer
- 131 Short snooze
- 132 Hog heaven?
- 134 Caustic substance
- 135 Rock's — Zeppelin
- 136 Diminutive

ANSWER ON PAGE G7

**THE VILLAVICENCIO** family

# A marriage made in heaven

(From page G1)

radiant and beautiful in a simple but elegant Rajo Laurel gown, to meet Ricky, her true love. Their parents, siblings, godparents, friends and relatives, who filled the Santuario de San Antonio on that special day all shared in their happiness.

Ramon Pastor's flowers in the church drew smiles from the guests. So did Rodriguez's arrangements of tulips, hydrangeas, liliums, carnations, orchids, etc., with flickering candles which made the Rigodon Ballroom more elegant and enchanting.

The choir and string quartet sustained the buoyant spirits of the couple and their guests, while the songs rendered by Time and A Half inspired everyone to dance.

"And as you took centerstage for the last dance, I whispered a prayer that you will always greet each new morning in each other's embrace," Lia Cruz, the bride's sister, said.

**THE BRIDE** embracing her mom

**WITH (SEATED, L-R)** Lirio Mapa, Letty Laurel, Ditas Araneta, Marot Moreno, Neñuca Blardony and Nana Chan; (standing, L-R) Minggoy Mapa, Bing Ledesma, Vicki Pertierra, Chona Lopez and Marilou Valera

**(L-R)** OFÉ dela Torre, Nena Sandoval, Carol Villavicencio, Ruby Precilla and Lirio Mapa

**WITH (SEATED, L-R)** Millette Ocampo, Aring Oreta, Bee Martinez, Baby Villanueva, Sony Sabino, Tita and Nelson Bayot; (standing, L-R) Luis and Vina Mercado, Melissa Martel and Bobby Sabino

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**WITH (SEATED, L-R)** Nancy Tambunting, Marge and Chuching Tambunting, Dely and Baby Ongsiako and Gaita Tan-Climaco; (standing, L-R) Sammy and Edna Floro, Jun Tambunting, Eman Tan Climaco and Tony Boy Ongsiako

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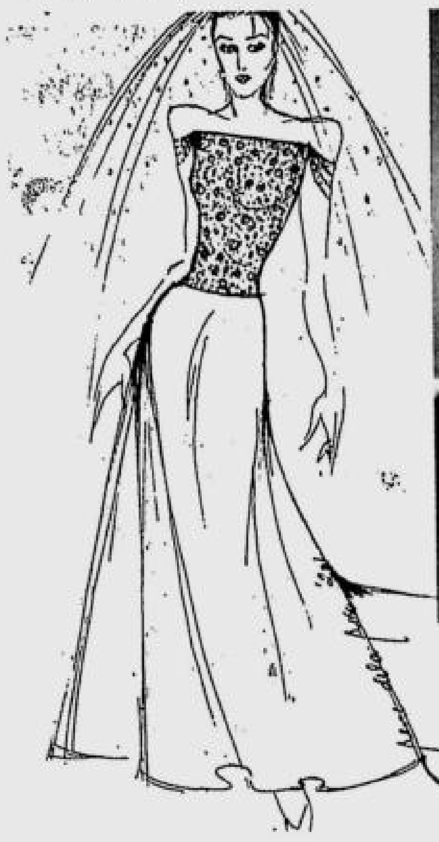


## JESENA-MIRANO

**Jose Ma. R. Jesena**, son of the late **Plaridel** and **Mercedes Ramos Jesena**, will wed lawyer **Gina H. Mirano**, daughter of lawyer **William** and **Conchita Halili Mirano**, on May 19 at the Queen of Peace Church in Bacolod City. Officiating prelate is Bishop **Vicente M. Navarra** with Rev. Fr. **Noly A. Que** as cocelebrant. Reception will follow at the L'Fisher Hotel.

## ARCEDERA-DEL VILLAR

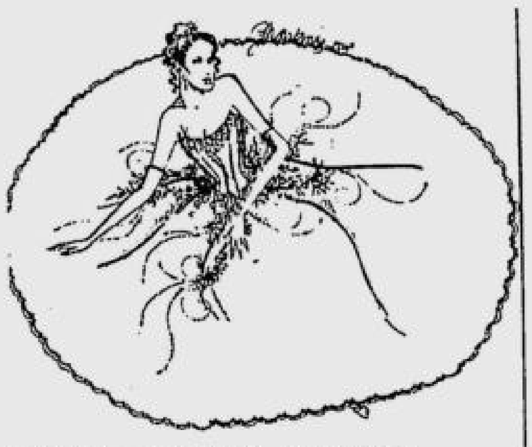
**Adrian A. Arcedera**, son of **Adriano** and **Vicky Arcedera**, and **Ma. Marayah P. del Villar**, daughter of **Pablito** and **Carmencita del Villar**, exchanged vows on Feb. 3 at the Santuario de San Antonio Parish Church, Forbes Park, Makati City. Reception followed at the Quezon Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La.

## MALVAR-SARTE

**Frieda Corazon Sarte**, daughter of lawyer **Romeo** and **Lillian Sarte**, will exchange marriage vows with **Jose Amando Malvar**, son of **Amando** and **Brenda Malvar**, on March 11 at the Shrine of Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life, Pasay City. Reception will follow at the Coconut Palace. The bride will wear an **Edward Teng** off-white gown of duchess satin with fully beaded Swarovski crystals on the neckline.

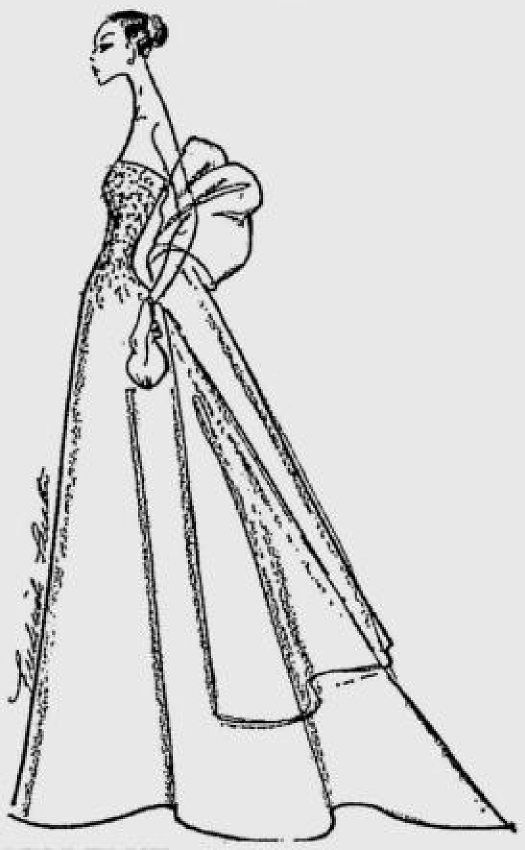
## SULQUIANO-ALMAZAN

**Bobot S: Sulquiano**, son of **Elfidio** and **Cresensia S. Sulquiano** of Alaminos, Pangasinan, will tie the knot with **Kai R. Almazan**, daughter of **Jose** and **Alma Rosa R. Almazan** of Camiling, Tarlac, on Feb. 24 at the Paroquia de Sta. Teresita del Niño Jesus, Ramos, Tarlac. Reception will follow at the garden of the parish pavilion. **Rene de la Rosa** of Makati City created for the bride a corset-type top with constellation beading of glass palette, seed pearls, sequins, caviar beads and cut glass with a bias-cut skirt in imported silk.



## COMISO DEBUT

**Charlene Guia O. Comiso**, daughter of **Armando** and **Teresita Comiso**, will celebrate her 18th birthday with a grand cotillion de honor on Feb. 24 at the Isla Ballroom of the Edsa Shangri-La Hotel. Galatea designers **Jontie** and **Nicky Martinez** created for her a lavender metallic *hablon* ball gown with a boned bodice embroidered with assorted pastel rosettes and jade-green leaves. The debutante is a computer applications freshman at the DLSU College of St. Benilde.



## YU DEBUT

**Diana Grace Malveda Yu**, daughter of **Roland** and **Babes Yu**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on June 13 at the Rizal Ballroom of Makati Shangri-La. An advertising freshman at De La Salle University, she will wear a **Frederick Peralta** gown made of iridescent blue-violet silk taffeta with caviar crystals and Swarovski beads.

## ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD

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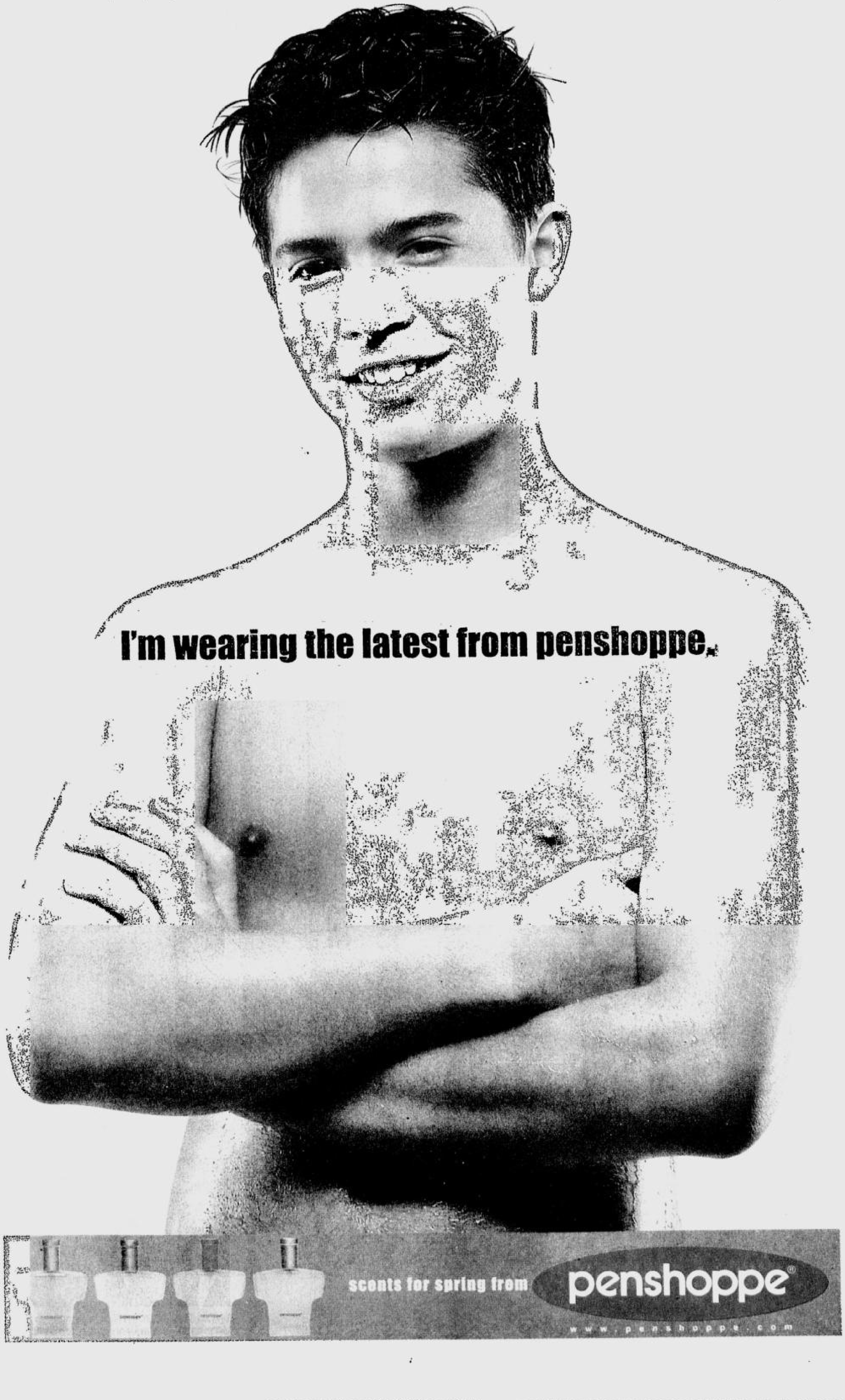
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# The military look, fashion makeovers and what's hot and not

By Anton San Diego

**MUST-HAVE fashion look—**military. If designers would have it, one look they would like to see everyone in is their version of the military look. It's the must-be-seen-in new uniform for the growing army of fashionistas all over the world. In the Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter 2001 runway shows, well-known designers like Gucci, Calvin Klein, Celine, Chanel and Dior presented a refreshing take on military jackets, safari shirts and sexy suits. Colors ranged from camouflage greens, khakis and regiment blue. Details also play a big role like epaulets, officer pockets, badges, aviator sunglasses and ID tags. Check out your favorite international fashion magazines for more key looks.

**On makeovers and fashion emergencies.** I recently caught an episode of fashion emergencies on E! channel and I loved it. They could take this ordinary-looking man or woman and transform him/her into something more human and more appealing. Comparing this with the local front, something is amiss. First, I don't know if they are shy but those given a makeover don't look that happy upon seeing their new look. Second, those people who do the hair and makeup look really scary with their own hair and clothes.

The inevitable question that comes to mind is, what happens next? What happens when there is no camera crew and no hair and makeup expert and stylist? Do they go back to their old look? Can they afford those highlights, manicure and clothes?

In the latest W magazine, there's an article on social makeover with recently widowed/former Guess? model and stripper **Anna Nicole Smith**. US courts awarded her $450 million from her 90-year-old husband's estate. With that money, she can now be part of the American society. It's an entertaining and bitchy report on anyone who wants to be part of Manhattan society.

On the local front, there are plenty of women who need a makeover. Even if they go to the parlor and wear designer clothes, they still lack such innate style. Most women who need makeovers are usually stuck in a time warp. Since they looked great in their teens, which was probably in the '60s and '70s, they still advocate such fashion sense until now. Think pouf hair, chiffon blouses in geometric patterns and loud pants.

I am so glad that someone thought of doing a makeover on the policemen's uniform. The problem is, no matter what they wear they wouldn't look good if they pull you over and wait for a bribe.

If there is a group that needs a makeover, it's the women who go ballroom dancing. I understand the fact that during competition, ballroom dancers should look like figure skaters with all that tinsel and sparkle. But if you are not a professional dancer, you should not emulate the professionals by wearing their dancing costumes during a sit-down dinner or a gala opening. It ain't pretty.

Men who are in dire need of a makeover are those who dress like **Tony Ferrer** (think pot-bellied James Bond). You know, gabardine pants, tight shirt, clutch bag and, my pet peeve, the square belt buckle (Note: It's reversible so you can use black one day and brown the next) with logo. The logo on the belt is usually a brand that was famous once and has been mass-produced for royalty (think Pierre Cardin and Oleg Cassini). At the end of the day, no one has the right to tell anyone that they need a makeover, especially if they are successful, rich and powerful.

If you are looking for an effortless chic look, think **Lizzie Zobel** and **Margarita Fores** and the battle is halfway won. For that hip, divaesque and dramatic look, think **Tina Ocampo**, **Mandy Santos** and **Joyce Oreña-Stadler**. For men, the choices are limited. You have to look far and wide for a well-dressed man but he's out there. For the corporate look, **Jaime Zobel**, **Bill Luz**; hip and trendy: **Joel Tantoco** and **David Jacob**.

An important tip for men: Stay away from the action-star look. It's passé, just like the man associated with it—the one who lives on Polk Street.

**WHY** did they break up? Hollywood royalty Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman

**TNT bytes.** Titanic wedding? **Leonardo DiCaprio** and supermodel **Gisele Bundchen** are rumored to be planning a wedding this year. They have supposedly been engaged since September of last year. Because of this happy event in his life, the "Titanic" star has gained 28 pounds. That's taking method acting too far.

**Stroke alert.** The FDA released a study stating that over-the-counter medicines for colds and diet pills containing phenylpropanolamine have been linked to strokes. Check with your doctors or pharmacists if what you are taking contains the said ingredient.

**Junior power set. Prince William** has been having an e-mail relationship with **Lauren Bush** (**George W. Bush**'s niece). It all started when Lauren left a photograph of herself and an e-mail on a yacht the hunky Prince was to set sail on. Good tip for you out there, but you must first find a yacht and a prince.

**Hollywood royalty split-up**. Everyone is talking about **Tom Cruise** and **Nicole Kidman**'s

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**MUST-HAVE FASHION LOOK.** The season's attention-grabbing military look

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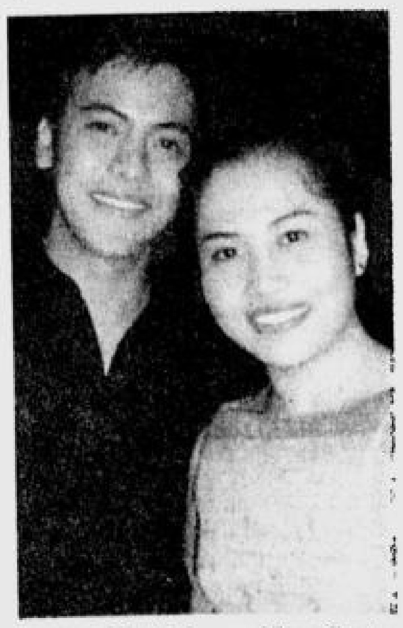
JEFFREY Hidalgo and Ima Castro

LEO Valdez with his parents Anunciacion and Aurelio, and sister Naomi

KIDS from Down Under spent Valentine in the Philippines

# Valentine celebration, Philippine style

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*Raul Teehankee*

WE started the celebration of Valentine's Day as early as Monday night by watching **Leo Valdez**'s awesome concert at the Century Park Hotel ballroom. "Awesome" was the superlative word used by **Lisa Capps**, who plays Ellen in "Miss Saigon," to describe the Engineer's performance. Leo's special guests during the concert were his 87-year-old Inay, **Anunciacion Tavarro**, and 92-year-old Tatay, **Aurelio Valdez**. It was also a very special night because the couple was celebrating their 61st wedding anniversary.

Tuesday brought us to Casa Armas for their fab "cuchinilla" and Baked Crabs and we capped a very noisy night at Giraffe.

Rockwell's Power Plant was our venue on Valentine's Day. We had a delicious Rib-eye Steak dinner at Che's, followed by Oysters at Via Mare's Oyster Bar. Then, it was off to Venezia for a bottle of white wine, Absolut vodka at Giraffe and morning cocktails at the hottest after-hours bar in Makati called Pakwan, located right under Orange on Makati Avenue.

And what was the consistent theme of the extended Valentine celebration? Love, of course!

CHRIS Pettersen with girlfriend

LOUIE and Cecile Ysmael

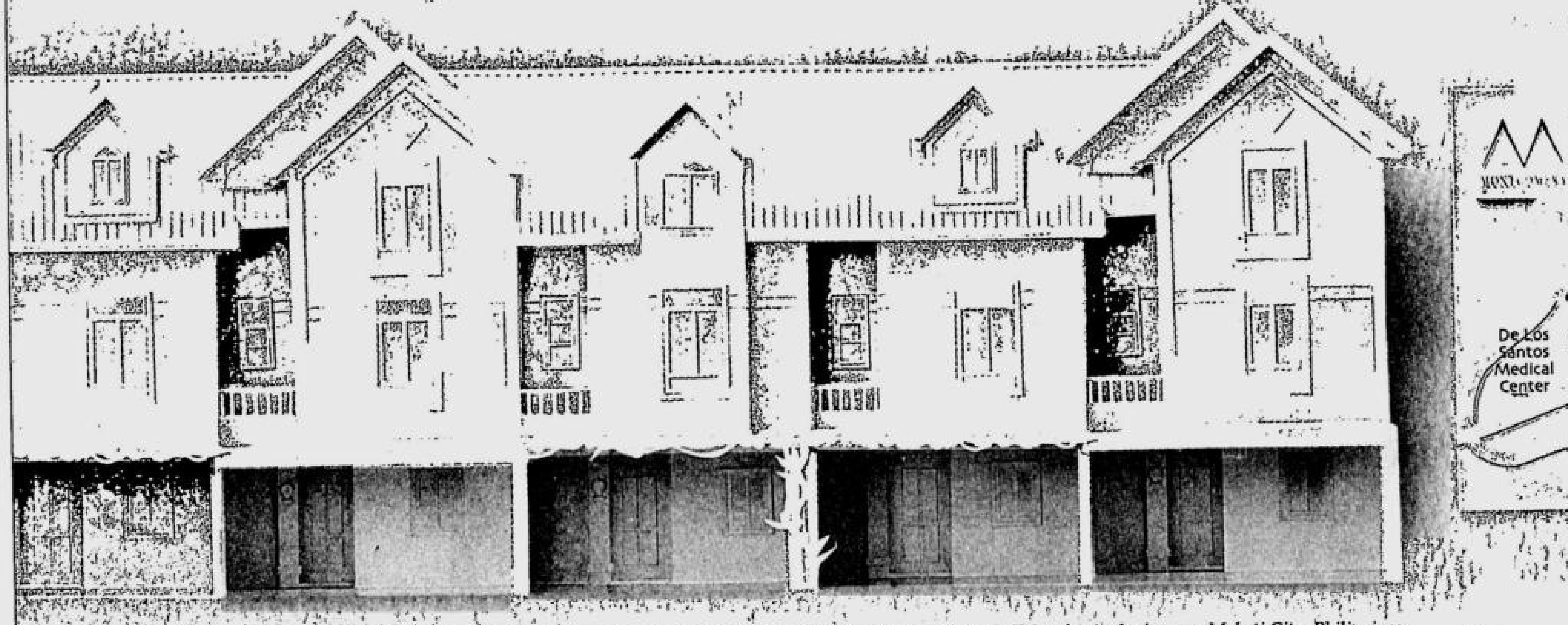
JO Ramos seen at Leo's concert with Ms Toti Fuentes

MAMA Pilar Teehankee was our Valentine date at Che's together with my brother Manuel, who was recently appointed Usec of Justice, and my nephew Roman.

MR. and Ms Joey Generoso

JINKY Llamanzares with boyfriend Ronald

Right at the center.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# The military look . . .

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split-up. They were (or so we thought) the picture of marital bliss, until last week when Tom filed for divorce. Many rumors have sprung up after the breakup. Some say the influence of scientology (Tom's religion), an affair by both, etc. For what it's worth, you'd realize that just because a couple is rich, powerful and beautiful doesn't mean it would work. What's needed? Love, and that the husband should be taller than the wife.

**What's hot and not!** When President **Gloria Macapagal Arroyo** assumed the presidency, I thought that it would be quiet in the political front, as we focus our energies on making the new administration work. Was I wrong. Enter the senatorial elections and the comedians who are running. Here's TNT's list of what's hot and not in politics and others for February.

*What's hot!* Louis Vuitton male bags—a take on the mailbag but smaller and more compact, stylish... Mercedes Benz M-class SUV's... MTV Philippines' rebirth... People Power senatorial candidates... Speaking the truth (think **Chito Antonio** and **Shirley Sanders**). It's never too late... Hearing news that foreign investors are coming back to the country. Time to refurnish those abandoned homes and condos... Concept stores (i.e. Kish, B at Home, Al Estilo de and Firma)... **Penelope Cruz** (the newest Latin bombshell)... The movie "Contenders"... Rockwell's cinemas... Malate.

**What's not!** MYX Channel 23's take on music TV (I don't understand the concept)... Any of the 11 senators who are running for reelection who did not open the second envelope and anyone who is in Erap's ticket... The use of endangered species in the name of fashion... Pot-holed streets, basic services not being delivered. Remember, it's election year... Overstaying corrupt government officials have to go...

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THE RECENT **honor dinner for immediate past president Eduardo Yap bore witness to the record attendance of 17 past presidents of the Manila Polo Club. They are shown in their official past presi-dents' dark blue jackets (seated, from left) Edgardo L. Tordesillas, Dr. Ramon T. Batungbacal, Vicente R. Ayllon, Farid K. Nassr, Yap, incoming president Antonio M. Garcia, lawyer Antonio M. Meer, Alfred Xeres-Burgos, Luis L. Garcia; (standing) Federico S. Bor-romeo Jr., Felix B. Amparo, Carlos S. Rufino, Ronald L. Velayo, Washington M. Lou, Leocadio J. Dominguez, Rafael H. Hecha-nova, Juan Carlos del Rosario and Antonio A. Rufino.**

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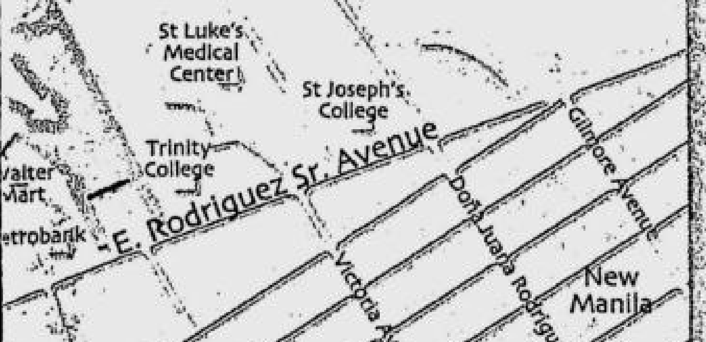

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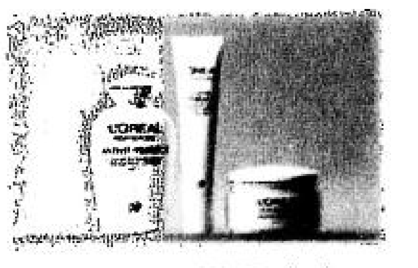

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**Health & Beauty's Senior AVP-Operations, Ms. Grace Lee Rivera**

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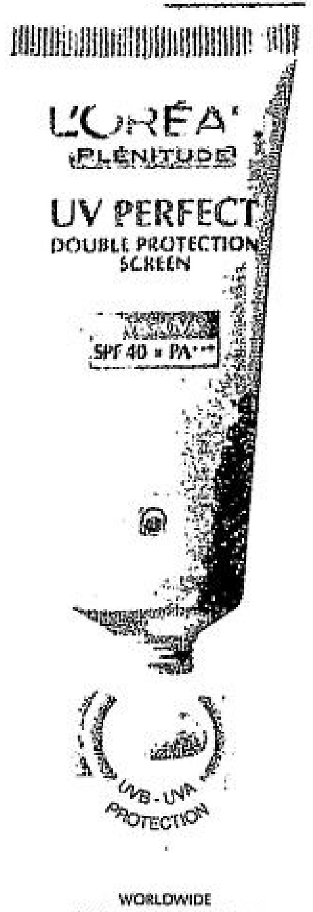

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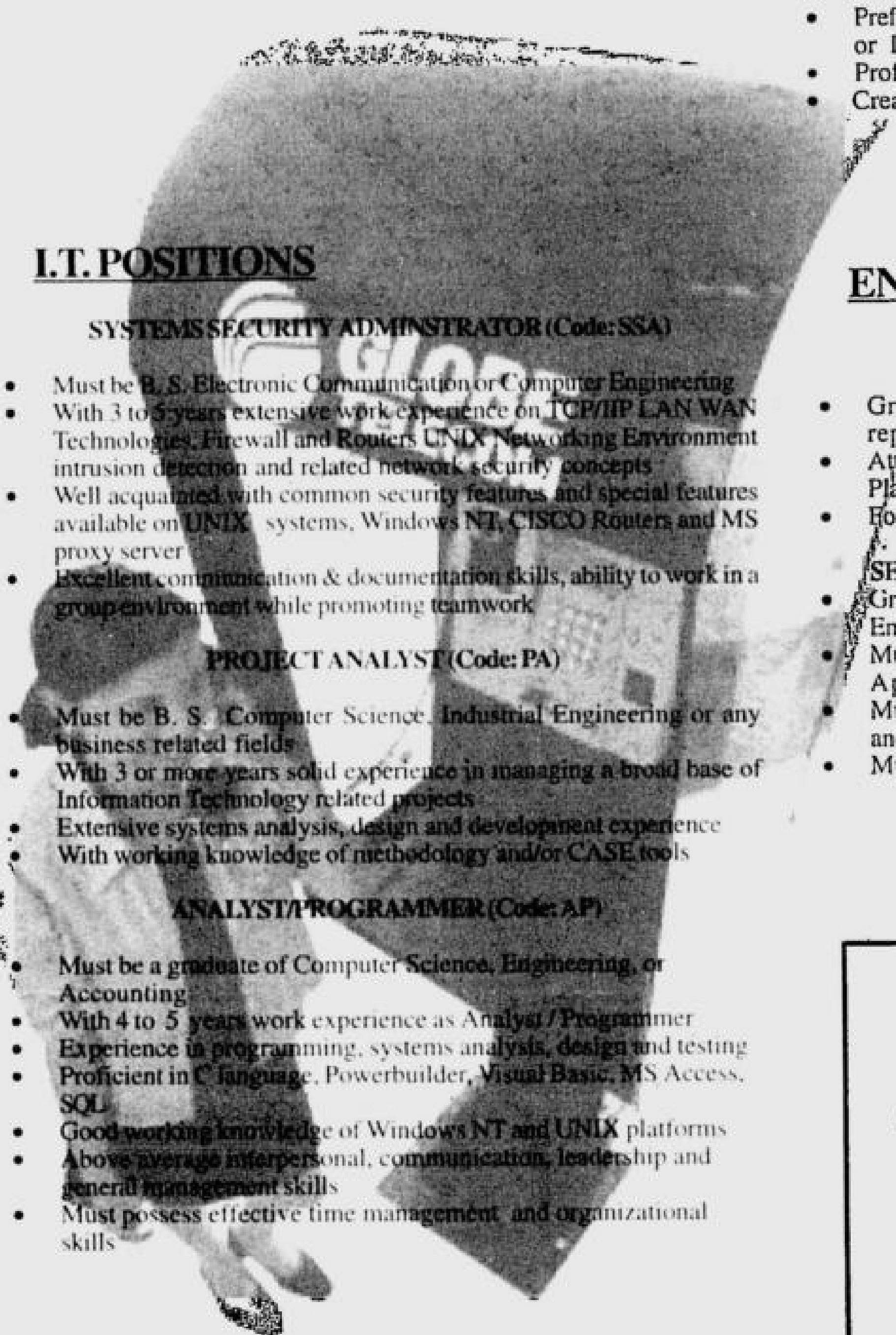

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# Respect in the workplace

By Ernesto G. Espinosa

*(The author is currently the Vice President of the Personnel Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP). He is also the Assistant Vice President, HRD and General Affairs of Fujitsu Computer Products Corp. of the Philippines.)*

RESPECT is the value for the month of February in our company. In the work environment, respect may be given in many forms: respect for people, respect for people's time, respect for property, respect for employees' opinions, respect for privacy/territory, and respect for the environment. Some employees take respect for granted. This writer ventures to cite some examples where giving respect may be improved.

> **"A man's own manner and character are what most become him."**
> —Cicero

**Respect for people**

Have you attended an Employee Relations Committee meeting where there is an open forum and the rank and file are free to ask questions under the sun? Have you noticed how some employees talk to the presiding officer, usually a management representative, to "demand" what they want?

If only because of the rank or position of the presiding officer, employees will do well if they would be more respectful in "requesting" what they want. The problem is, a young employee usually starts his question by saying in an aggressive, demanding tone, "This benefit is not being given and it is UNFAIR to us!!!" How can the management representative then be inspired to attend to the needs of such employees if they draw conclusions right away in a disrespectful fashion?

On the other hand, we likewise encounter employees who show respect. When these employees are the ones who approach us, we know exactly that they always mean well and if we cannot grant their requests, they always understand. These are the types of employees who will say, "With all due respect, sir, we have observed that some employees may have been affected by this development, is it possible then for management to consider providing this benefit to them?"

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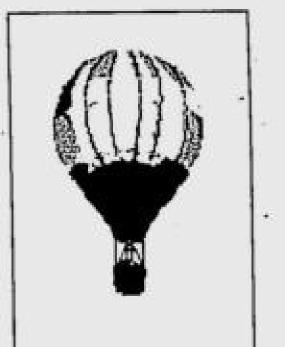

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# Respect...

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their subordinates. They should avoid uttering bad words, throwing reports unacceptable to them, shouting at subordinates, and making curt remarks.

### Respect for people's time

Japanese companies, while generally known to be punctual at all times, are not spared from late meetings and late submission of reports. Unfortunately, tardiness happens everywhere in and out of the workplace. Except for the management meeting presided over by the President with 10 Japanese and 1 Filipino present, it has been this writer's experience that other meetings, even among external associations, start late.

Why cannot people come on time? This is not to say that people cannot be late at times. They can once in a while. But if they will be late, they should timely inform the person presiding the meeting or the person they have a date with so that the latter can adjust his time accordingly and do something worthwhile instead of merely waiting. It is very sad that more often than not, the person who usually tries to exact time from other employees or individuals ends up the one being branded as odd, rigid,

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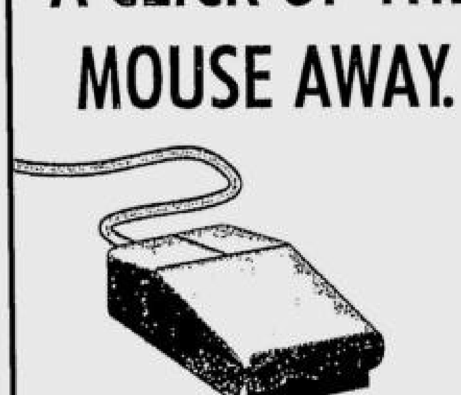

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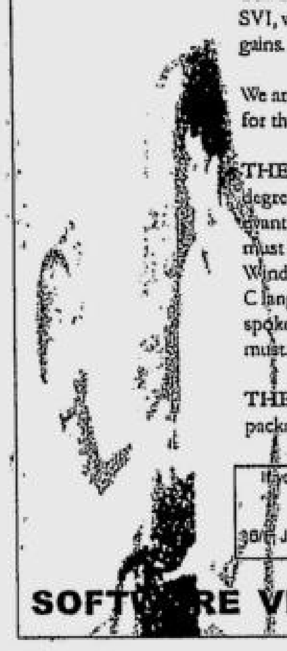

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## Respect...

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impatient, inconsiderate, uncaring and thoughtless.

**"Good manners are made up of petty sacrifices."**

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Respect for property**

Why do employees resort to vandalism? Why do they write dirty remarks on the walls of the plant premises? Why do they curb their names on their desks and on the wooden chairs?

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Would we make dirty the walls of our homes, write on our dining tables? No sir. So why do we destroy the company's property?

**"I must respect the opinion of others even if I disagree with them."**

—Herbert Henry Lehman

**Respect for employees' opinions**

We often encounter situations during meetings when proponents of certain ideas clash with each other? The rule, however, is to respect the other party's opinion.

More often than not, we encounter an employee trying to criticize and destroy the proposal of the other party. He highlights all the defects of the other proposal and comes up with the conclusion that adopting it would be inappropriate.

Under such circumstances, an employee will do well by discussing the merits of his proposal separately. By discussing the advantages to be derived from such a proposal, the decision-makers would be more in a position to make judgment because they will see the benefits to the company.

**"As you do, so will be done to you."**

—Jewish Proverb

**Respect for privacy/territory**

There are instances when we encounter an employee trying to look for a document in the in-tray of a manager even if that employee is not the manager's secretary. He

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## Respect...

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tries to confirm if the copy of a particular memo sent by his superior was already received by the manager. Or there are instances when an employee even attempts to open the drawer of another employee to borrow a ruler. Or when an employee is not in his desk, another employee tries to open his personal computer and looks at his files or plays computer games.

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### LOVING JOVY

Having caught a glimpse of former Sen. Jovito Salonga on the cover page of the **Sunday Inquirer** (25 December 2000), I rushed out to buy myself a copy of the issue. For me, he really is one of the few good men in our country today, more of a public servant than a politician. A lot of politicians today seem to have conveniently forgotten that we, the people, should be the ones to be served instead of the other way around.

I hope you can come up with another such issue which will include Makati Rep. Joker Arroyo. I honestly believe that, like the former senator, he is more of a public servant than a politician. He was brilliant as one of the prosecutors during the Estrada impeachment trial. Some people thought that he was too emotional, but I think he was just passionate about the cause he was fighting for. Unlike most of the politicians who trooped to the Edsa Shrine during People Power II, Mr. Arroyo was nowhere to be found, seemingly content with the part he played in toppling the Estrada administration.

**KAYE SY**
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*(Mr. Arroyo was the cover of SIM's February 4 issue – **Ed.**)*

### THANK YOU FOR EPY

Fact 1: Our office has been subscribing to the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* for almost four years, and I am the only person who eagerly collects the Sunday Inquirer Magazine because the rest find PDI more important.

Fact 2: I would like to congratulate all of you for being part of my journey. I love your poems and feature articles.

Fact 3. There was a time when I was wondered when Jeffrey "Epy" Quizon would make it to your magazine before he appeared in "Markova." I really feel that he is my soul brother.

I thank Eric S. Caruncho for finally featuring Epy. Lyn Rillon is also good with her pix.

Fact 4: How about featuring Ms. Chin Chin Guttierez?

Thank you very much and I hope you will continue to feed more soul.

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### CHECKING THE CHURCH

Greetings! It is with great appreciation and pride, being a Boljoanon, to see once again our dear church being featured (as it has been in several other newspapers of general circulation) in the Jan. 14, 2001 issue of the Sunday Inquirer Magazine in the "This is Your Heritage" page of Bambi L. Harper.

However, it is very noticeable that it was called the Church of "Our Lady of Patronicio" instead of the correct name of "Our Lady of Patrocinio de Maria," or "Our Lady of the Patroness of Mary," which is its complete name. Moreover, the church is of the 16th century, not 18th, having been built and finished in 1598. We just celebrated our quadricentennial celebration three years ago.

Thank you very much and we hope you can take note and make the necessary corrections.

More power!

**ENGR. PRIMITIVO N. EUBLERA JR.**
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**Errata:** *In SIM's Jan. 28 issue, the word "I" was accidentally removed from the seventh line of J. Neil Carmelo Garcia's poem "XXXIX." The correct lines should read: "I shall remain useful/ even if only as an aspect of soil." In SIM's Feb. 4 issue, the poem "Huwag Sabihin" is by S.B. Alojamiento. We regret the errors.*

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**The Cover Image** Artist Nona Garcia, Grand Prize Winner at the 2000 Philiip Morris Asean Art Awards, brings a unique perspective to her creative process. She poses with her award-winning work "See Saw."
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**People of the Faith**
*by Varsha S. Daswani*

*A music video for a religious song? The music-minded movers of the Jesuit Communications Foundation are taking the hip route to musical evangelization*

# Ministers of Melody

EVANGELISM THROUGH MUSIC MAY SOUND LIKE A CONTRADICTION IN TERMS FOR SOME. THIS IS NOT TRUE FOR THE JESUITS, THOUGH, WHO HAVE LONG SOUGHT TO LET PEOPLE EXPERIENCE GOD THROUGH MUSIC. THE JESUIT COMMUNICATIONS FOUNDATION OR JESCOM, OFFICIALLY INSTITUTIONALIZED AROUND EIGHT YEARS AGO, IS THE MINISTRY THROUGH WHICH THESE PRIESTS HOPE TO SERVE AS INSTRUMENTS — THROUGH MUSIC, SONG AND MELODY.

> *They have written songs that they believe people can use during prayer and reflection, as well as music that is less religious though still carrying the same message of inspiration*

Fr. Johnny Go, SJ, the Director of the Foundation, believes and continues to hope that their ministry is able to reach people, "provoke people and just make them ask questions." Through almost all forms of media available, ranging from music videos to liturgical mass songs and songbooks, the JesCom aims to "help people recognize Christ in the world but also see His face in other people." This mission statement Fr. Johnny is able to recite impromptu, something he has taken to heart as Director of the organization:

Explaining that this has been his primary apostolate for the last three years, Fr. Johnny has been able to oversee the production of various projects. He has directed and edited many videos and written lyrics for quite a few songs. Though the administrative aspect and the ever-new possibilities for the ministry keep him from doing much of the creative work, he enjoys his "challenging" and "exciting" job.

As he excitedly shares the new crop of projects of the JesCom, joy is evident as Fr. Johnny explains that their music videos are a "marriage of song and story." Having already released three videos, they plan to do more of them in the future. *"Humayo 't Ihayag* (Go Forth and Proclaim)," *"Hesus ng Aking Buhay* (Jesus of My Life)" and "One More Gift" are the first fruits of this new venture, aiming to reach the younger, though not necessarily less religious, audience.

*The Jesuits of Himig Heswita in the recording studio*

Knowing that young people enjoy this truly '90s genre, the ministry is using music videos to reach out to them. The only thing different is the mission: The people of JesCom hope that through the videos, the audience would feel closer to God. The producers choose common sites to shoot in, like CCP and Plaza Miranda, to show that God is there even when people might think He's not.

Being a relatively new venture of the JesCom, the videos are either done by the in-house production team or in cooperation with a pool of artists that the ministry has been able to tap. The JesCom decides on the artists who will head the project — directors, scriptwriters, singers—based on their abilities, styles and tastes. There are no hard and fast rules on who gets the job, and they insist that their projects not be put up for bidding. Most of the artists are alumni of the Ateneo and are in mainstream media themselves.

The desire of the Jesuits to make music did not only begin when JesCom became an official and recognized ministry. On the contrary, Fr. Johnny traces the liturgical music of the Jesuits to the '70s and to Fr. Ed Hontiveros, recognized by some as the "Father of Filipino Liturgical Music."

Most of the songs that have been written and groups that have been formed because of this desire were informal efforts that got extraordinary recognition from those who heard their music. In an attempt to do things more systematically, the JesCom was organized, already an umbrella for other ministries such as the Jesuit Music Ministry (JMM), Bukas Palad and others.

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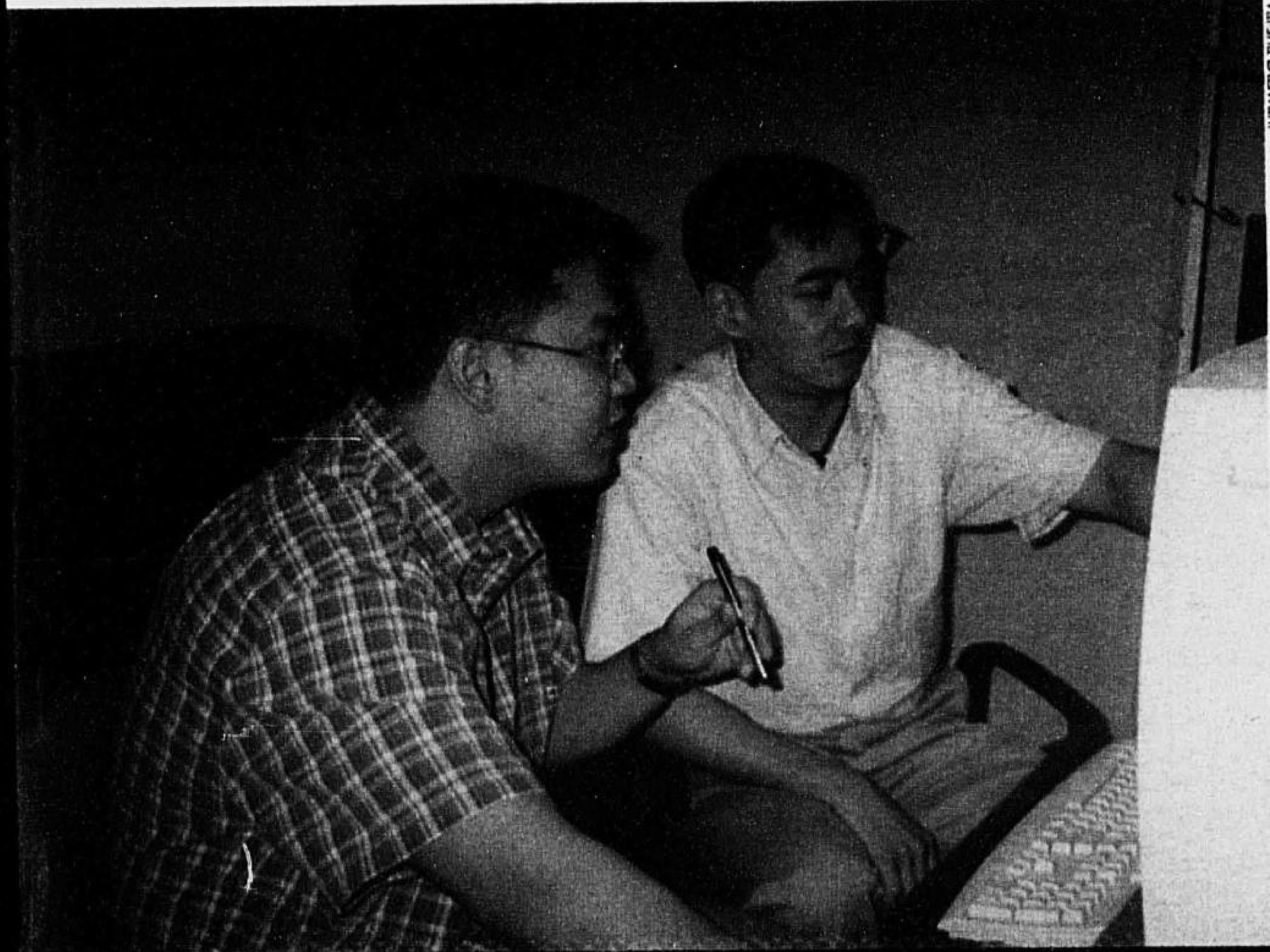

*Making music in the Maker's name: Bro. RB Hizon (left) and Fr. Johnny Go, SJ*

Varsha Daswani

## Poetry

### On *A Lady Writing a Letter* by Vermeer

She fondles pen gazing beyond
The still blank sheet, beyond the bleak
Bower of her room (beyond today,
Jacket trimmed with ermine, necklace
Gently live upon her throat).
She rummages through shifty
Memories, strung images suspended
And then settling in, until her flesh

Begins to open up into a world
Of words, drifting into a fluid run.
For indeed, rid of the body's grip,
Words are now ready to master it.

Alone yet fully engaged,
She allows a presence to enter,
Course through, but only in a rhythm
Attuned to a measure she and she alone
Could well modulate, released in the
Quiet cadences of her own heartbeat's
Shy shiftings; the pen finally
Nudges it out, as with a life of its own,
This quiet confessional filling up
A contained inner space.
Empowered, here is something
She and she alone directs, dictates,
Knowing just when to push,
To pause, to pick up fire, glide,
Elide, all in the resonance of a
Sovereign passional ancient rite.
Text plays up the body's heat,
Working around and over it, jauntier,
Surer towards the movement's
Tip, till touch is sublimated, lifted
To a high, dainty prints catching
Flamelets through the gathering force
Of a pen-prodded discourse. Here,
In the hush of a corner now reaching
Out into the farthest flung continent
Some space between is annealed.

**Ophelia Alcantara Dimalanta**

### Isang Hapon sa may Vito Cruz

*(Singit kay Federico Garcia Lorca)*

Sa pusod ng siyudad,
dito'y milyon-milyon

ang dyipning ga-pakpak,
bumubukadkad tila

umuusbong na paruparo
sa usok, sa alapaap.

Walang hangganan
ang ingay, animo'y

anino sa liwanag
o hangin sa pilik-mata

Metal ang katahimikan.
Kristal ang alikabok

**Noel P. Tuazon**

## Noteworthy

# Going Strong

*Malang is 73 and still at it, looking at his favorite old subjects in new and different ways*

HE'S 73 AND STILL PAINTING. MALANG'S RESOLVE ISN'T WANING WITH AGE; IT GETS STRONGER EACH DAY, AS HE STARTS THE DAY REACHING OUT TO HIS DRAWING PAD. WHY STOP DOING WHAT YOU TRULY ENJOY?

*The artist as "lolo" with his grandchildren*

After years and years of critical acclaim and sold-out shows, Malang is not about to relax on his laurels. He keeps the same schedule, waking up as early as 5 a.m. to say his morning prayers before getting back to the paintings or drawings he left off the previous day. There is always something new or fresh to discover.

*Barong-barongs*, for example, are a subject matter he has tackled from the very beginning and has yet to exhaust. Last month, he celebrated his birthday by mounting "siyudad@buhay," a mini-restrospective of sorts at the West Gallery (West Avenue, Quezon City). Alongside his new works in oil and gouache were drawings and sketches from the decades past. He notes that the *barong-barongs* he used to pass by in his '50s and '60s are still very much around, and so is his enthusiasm to paint them.

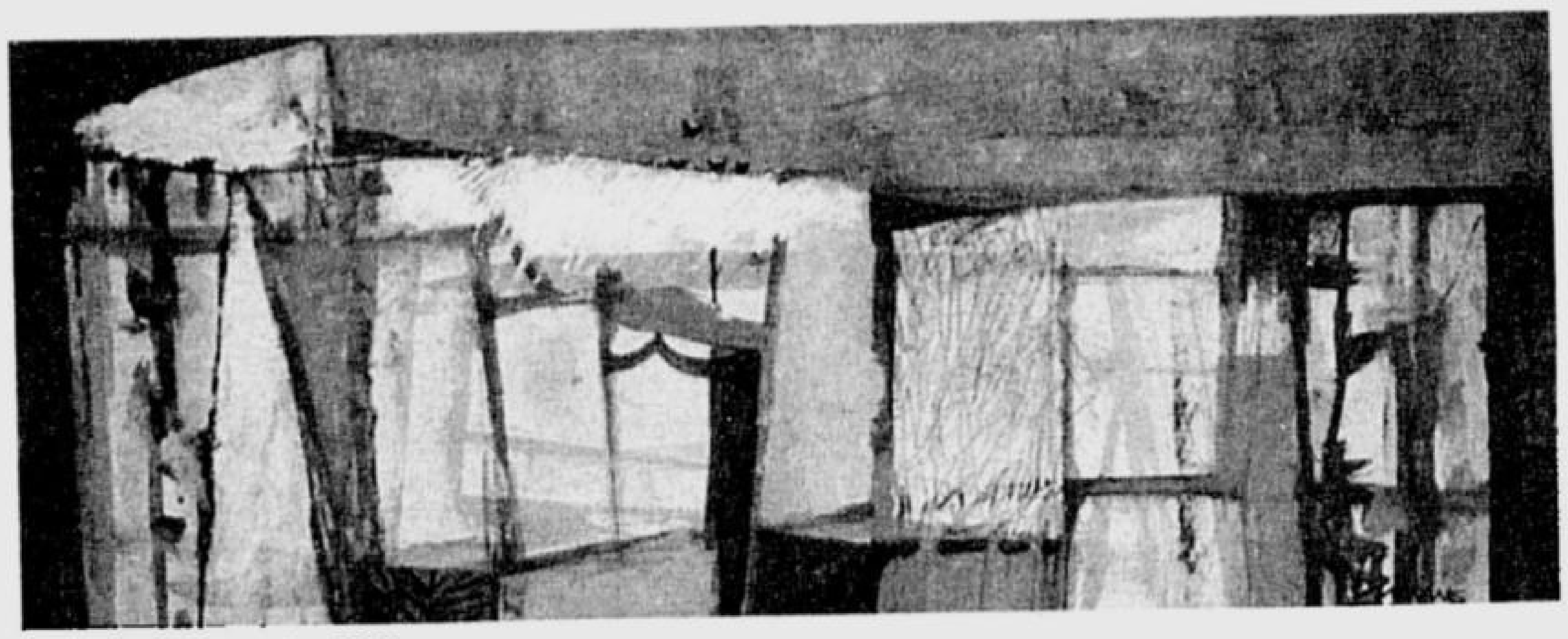
He is bringing "siyudad@buhay II" to the Glorietta Artspace (Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, Makati) until Feb. 27. Rather than focus on the gloom of poverty, he paints his *barong-barongs* as brightly and enthusiastically as he would strike up a conversation. Women still figure prominently, typically in a light mood. His works are a window to his naturally upbeat disposition, a trait shared by many Filipinos.

Malang says he is always to open to variety, the very reason that keeps him busy in his studio on a daily basis (he maintains one at home, and another at his Marisan base).

"You see new things even in your old works," notes Malang, adding that he either puts in new elements or removes some. The final images we see undergo a series of tests on his sketchpad. He always arms himself with a notebook everywhere he goes and even keeps it by his bedside to jot down ideas that come to mind late at night.

Malang says practice and constant reading have kept him sharp all these years. You'd see him often at his favorite bookstore, not only checking out art supplies but also boning up on topics other than the arts. Not bad for 73.

**Marie Anne I. Fajardo**



*"White Walls," gouache, 2000*

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*Shooting the Bukas Palad video "Humayo't Ihayog"*

JesCom achieves its purpose through the production of videos, its music ministry, a radio program aired on an AM station, and its multi-media production house, its latest venture. The most successful of its arms, Fr. Johnny matter-of-factly says, is the JMM, the Director of which is Bro. RB Hizon.

Yet to be ordained a priest in September of this year, Bro. RB admits that part of his decision to become a Jesuit was based on his love for music, which started rather late, sometime during his college years. Having been invited to sing in the budding Bukas Palad ministry, Bro. RB's stint with the music ministry began soon after. "I don't even read notes," he says sheepishly. But before he graduated, he already heard the call to enter the Society of Jesus, and has been connected to the JMM since. Having undergone religious training for the last seven years since graduation from the Ateneo, he admits that his life has changed. "It's different, but it's a happy life." The albums and materials of the JMM are available in his office, which also serves as their "main creative center," as Bro. RB puts it, where they brainstorm, write and practise their tunes.

Bro. RB's work, aside from studying and helping out in Payatas during the weekends, includes helping people who come to ask questions about forming choirs and productions, planning the wedding liturgy of people who ask assistance, and welcoming all sorts of inquiries about music and their ministry. Brother RB is also into the production aspects of their projects.

Initially more liturgical in nature, the music produced by the JesCom, through the JMM, is moving into the more mainstream and alternative category, "if only to reach the younger people," Bro. RB explains. Fr. Johnny agrees with this, which is specifically why the JesCom has released a slew of music videos during the last year.

They have written songs that they believe people can use during prayer and reflection, as well as music that is less religious though still carrying the same message of inspiration. Wanting to share music that will soothe and provoke at the same time, the ministry produces songs and videos that make the audience ask questions about themselves, God, or even other people. And once they have done this, Fr. Johnny appropriately says, "the rest *naman is* up to God." Matter-of-factly, he concludes and smiles: "You can't really do the work for God."

This has set the pace, then, for what the JesCom has planned for the coming years: more videos and more albums to add to their collection, like another *"Misang Pilipino"* album, two Christmas albums, another Bukas Palad album, another "Hangad" album, another Lauds album. The list can go on and on, to be honest. Yet it is not so much the list that is significant to these men. "To us," Fr. Johnny honestly expresses, "to touch one person is already a breakthrough — an achievement."

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**Movers & Shakers**
*by Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz*

*Are good intentions enough? Can women in government make a difference? Four new Cabinet secretaries mull these questions, and show the stuff they're made of*

# From Civil Society to Civil Service

THEIR OFFICE USED TO BE THE STREETS, THE SLUMS AND THE COUNTRYSIDE, THEIR CALLING CARD STREAMERS AND PROTEST PLACARDS. THEIR AGENDA: CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR COMMUNITIES. BUT WILL THE VISION TAKE ROOT ON GOVERNMENT SOIL? FOUR WOMEN, ALL ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND RECENTLY APPOINTED TO THE ARROYO CABINET, TRY ON THEIR GARDEN GLOVES FOR SIZE.

## PATRICIA STO. TOMAS: LABOR PAINS

Patricia Sto. Tomas remembers the most difficult decision she had to make. It was 1988 and the then chair of the Civil Service Commission received the complaint of several Customs examiners about to be replaced by their newly appointed chief, Salvador Mison. "The Bureau of Customs has always had a dubious reputation, that's the general perception," says Pat. On days when she heard the case, the parking lot of the CSC, "a sizable chunk of land," would overflow with fancy cars. "I had no way of tracing their owners, but I suppose they belong to the Customs men."

As demanded by law, the CSC chair asked Mison to come up with evidence linking the men to anomalous deals. "I'm sure he could have dug out several houses and expensive vehicles that are disproportionate to the government's pay scale and trace these to instances of graft. But all he said was, 'I was told I can reorganize without giving a reason.' So I had to dismiss the case." The Customs men, however, received a stern warning: "Consider this your second and last chance," Pat told them. "If your name ever lands on my desk again, you know what to expect."

Nonetheless, it was an unpopular decision and one that somewhat clouded the woman's otherwise sterling reputation. She reaped similar dark thoughts when she heard a sexual harassment case back when there was no law against it. "What can I do? The most we could charge the public official with was gross misconduct." The penalty was the equivalent of a slap on the wrist, something which did not boost her stock among women advocates with whom she shared common cause.

Romy Homillada

Sto. Tomas. Making tough decisions doesn't faze her

Making tough decisions is nothing new to this veteran of at least 25 years in government service. "If a problem gets to my table, I will make a decision. You may not like it, I may be proven wrong, but I am prepared to accept responsibility for the decision," says Pat, who has previously been administrator of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), Labor Undersecretary and Assistant Secretary for Human Resource Development at the Education department.

Being decisive and resolute, leadership traits she admires in Margaret Thatcher, should help her a lot in her new posting as Secretary of Labor. The job, she notes, has many challenges, foremost of this the employment problem. "Although the Employers Confederation assures that there would be a 5 percent rise in employment, the formal or employed sector is only 30 percent of our labor force," Pat notes. The rest are in agriculture or the non-formal sector like the street hawkers, market vendors and laundrywomen. Unfortunately, she adds, they have no safety nets. "We must look at how they can have social security protection since they form the bulk of Filipino workers. But because they are not organized, they have no voice and cannot fight for their rights."

This Political Science major and former DevCom professor at UP Los Baños counts among her achievements cleaning out the illegal recruitment racket at the POEA by circulating and posting the names of licensed manning agencies, establishing the Bagong Bayani awards for overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and negotiating with host countries for fairer wages and working conditions.

Her priority this time, says Pat, is to continue her dialogue with DOLE's constituents, "not just with labor and management but with those who are under-represented. How can the government help? Can we look into how OFWS can have pension plans? How about skills and information on handling money? What happens to agriculture workers when they get sick because of exposure to pesticides?

Pat, who believes that "people can always find a solution to a problem if they look hard enough," recalls the rough spots in her career when this creed hardly provided comfort. "My most difficult posting was at the POEA, first because it was a merger of three different government agencies so there was the basic problem of different work cultures. And then there are people taking advantage of others because of the difficulty of the job search."

Things got so bad, she recounts, that at the end of the day, she would just close her door and feel tears running down her face. "*May napuputulan ng ulo, may nawawala sa lumubog na barko* (people were being beheaded, lost in sinking boats), and to top it all, there was pressure from several congressmen following up the licenses of their friends' or relatives' recruitment agencies."

To preserve her sanity, she left for a year's study at Boston, reveling in the anonymity and freedom to move around. "When I was at POEA, I would go to market and the fish vendor would plead, 'Ma'am, *kunin ninyo namang* seaman *ang anak ko.*'

While she sounds like a formidable workhorse, Pat confesses to feeling lost when she was widowed in 1992. "That was the worst thing that happened to me," says this woman who has a grown-up daughter and two young adopted children. "I had to cope as a single parent, learned to fix things around the house and, since I don't drive, had to wake my sister during emergencies at night." At the same time, she confides, she relished the idea of going anywhere without having to ask permission from anyone. The idea of being self-sufficient and independent also appealed to her.

The eldest in a family of six girls and a boy, Pat recalls being trained to look after her siblings. She still does that. "Filipino women are trained to be responsible early on. They have an eye for detail and for follow-through, which can be an advantage in their job." The expectation that women can be emotional on the job can be turned into an advantage too, she adds, recalling how she once sat on an otherwise all-male panel to plead the case of Filipino seafarers whose ship was interdicted by the Japanese. "I made an emotional appeal on behalf of our workers and it worked."

She would have walked out of there a real winner except for the shoes. "To get comfortable, I usually slip off my shoes when I start negotiating. Afterwards, as I was groping for my shoes at the end of the session, I discovered to my horror that one of the pair had rolled under the other panel's table. I had no choice but to say 'excuse me' as I ducked and retrieved my shoe." Another shoe story had her quickly slipping on a pair from the four pairs of shoes under her desk as she rose for a meeting with then President Aquino. An hour into her meeting, she happened to look down and saw to her horror that she was wearing mismatched shoes! She has been more careful since.

She is as cautious in her new job. "The next 100 days is a testing period before our confirmation by the Commission on Appointments. So watch us, tell us what we're doing wrong," she urges. "If we want to be good citizens, we must learn to tell people about our expectations. We must demand better performance."

## DINKY SOLIMAN: BIG DREAMS IN A SMALL PACKAGE

At 4"10', she can sail into a room without attracting much attention. She can wear six ethnic earrings at the same time, Velcro a lock of blue hair on her scalp and slouch in colorful casual clothes without people losing sleep. That is, until President Arroyo appointed her Social Welfare Secretary. Suddenly everybody was asking, "Who is Dinky Soliman?"

The public scrutiny is something she has yet to get used to, says Corazon Juliano Soliman, a.k.a Dinky. "We are the novelty of the moment," she says of fellow appointee, Ging Quintos Deles. "Nobody knows us in political circles so people are still sizing us up." A well-meaning friend has even offered to repackage her in requisite blue or gray blazers but she objected: "That just wouldn't be me."

Indeed, Dinky, who ends short notes to friends with "sunflower wishes," is anything but stodgy. As moderator in even contentious gatherings, she can smooth troubled waters with the well-chosen phrase and her perennial cheerful countenance. The skills have seen her through 28 years of work with farmers, the urban poor, fishers and indigenous people. By her own admission, her "organizing, facilitating and mutual gains approach to negotiations" should prove to be her best assets for the job. That, and her MA in public administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Dinky, who placed fifth in the Social Work board exams, is aware of the challenges in her new post. "There are high expectations to deliver on the pro-poor programs almost immediately," she reveals. The department, she adds, is also one of the oldest, "so the ways are quite set and the room for innovation and creativity might be a bit narrow."

But, she says, she is counting on "the goodwill and commitment of the DSWD staff" to bring in new energy to the delivery of basic services and to widen its network with civil society. "I won't exactly reinvent the wheel," notes Dinky. "The DSWD has some good programs going, like the Sagip-Lingap for street children where the police are oriented on the psychology of children so arresting them doesn't become the automatic reaction. Family reunion is also a goal. Of course we realize that poverty pushes these kids into the streets, so we'll coordinate with Nap-C (The National Anti-Poverty Commission) on this."

Roger Margallo

Soliman: Still unaccustomed to public scrutiny

More than the dole-out mentality of the previous administration, Dinky firmly believes that "people must become stakeholders in their future. They must be convinced that there is a dignified way of addressing the issue and even the manner of delivering basic services must reinforce this message. We must build up a consultation process so people themselves realize that they can do something about their problem."

So far, she says, things seem to be looking up. "I get the sense that everybody is willing to work with one another; there is no sense of competition and everyone has been very encouraging in the Cabinet. For instance, the Tourism people have approached me on how they can clean up Roxas Blvd. without displacing the homeless in the area."

Roger Margallo

Deles Giving the sectors a place on the policy table

Dinky, who had to go up Banahaw to meditate before accepting the offer to join government, says this was the most difficult decision she made in her life. "It means a very drastic change of perspective and ways of working." Switching from a more casual NGO culture to the paper chase in government bureaucracy meant having a transition team and several lawyers constantly briefing her on the administrative level ("Because we handle adoptions and the import of relief supplies") and on legal matters ("We go to court on cases of child abuse, rape and violence against women"). But she is "overwhelmed," she says, by the support and encouragement she has been getting. "A team of young lawyers has volunteered to handle our cases in court," she says, almost giddy at the prospect.

It's a wonderful turnaround for Dinky, who was heartbroken when the Congress of People's Agrarian Reform (CPAR), a coalition of peasant organizations, broke up. It was particularly hurtful for her, having spent many years living with farmers in the villages of Nueva Ecija and nurturing their dreams of social change. But change is something she works at even without political office. In fact, she says, the best thing that has happened to her is "being privileged to be working with the organized poor in effecting political changes twice in my lifetime — during the Edsa uprising in 1986 and during People Power 2 in 2001."

To relax, Dinky meditates, climbs mountains, reads and spends time with her life partner, Hec, and children Dino, 15 and Kit, 13. Her favorite book and author is "Gifts from the Sea" by Anne Morrow Lindbergh. "It calms me to think of the many facets of a woman's life and relationships as symbolized by shells. It soothes me."

Dinky, who loves to laugh, sees humor as a handy de-stressing device in her new job. "Humility and humor have the same root word: *hum*, meaning 'of the earth.' So do not take yourself too seriously, learn to laugh at yourself."

## TERESITA QUINTOS DELES: DIGNITY, NOT DOLE-OUTS

When Teresita "Ging" Quintos Deles was still active with the feminist group Pilipina and discouragement would set in — which was often, this being 1980, when the label prompted sneers and sideways glances — she would tell the group: "Work for social change but do not expect the change to come in your lifetime. It is enough that you do what you think is right."

These are words she still lives by, says the new chair of the National Anti-Poverty Commission (Nap-C). Except that the changes have

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**Cover Story**

*by Joy Rojas*

*photographs by Ernie U. Sarmiento*

*This fresh young talent, the first female and first Filipina winner of the prestigious Philip Morris Asean Art Awards, may credit her victory to beginner's luck, but an eerie and insightful body of works reveals otherwise*

# Nona Garcia's Art of Ambiguity

IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ONE OF THE THINGS TO DO AFTER GRADUATING WITH A FINE ARTS DEGREE FROM COLLEGE: HANG AROUND WITH FRIENDS. ATTEND EXHIBITION OPENINGS HERE AND THERE. JOIN THE SEVENTH PHILIP MORRIS ASEAN ART AWARDS. BUT WINNING THE PRESTIGIOUS COMPETITION NOT ONLY IN MANILA BUT IN THE ENTIRE ASEAN REGION WAS NOT EXACTLY IN THE AGENDA OF UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES PAINTING MAJOR NONA GARCIA.

*Nona's unique and thoughtful body of work suggests they made the right choice with this promising talent*

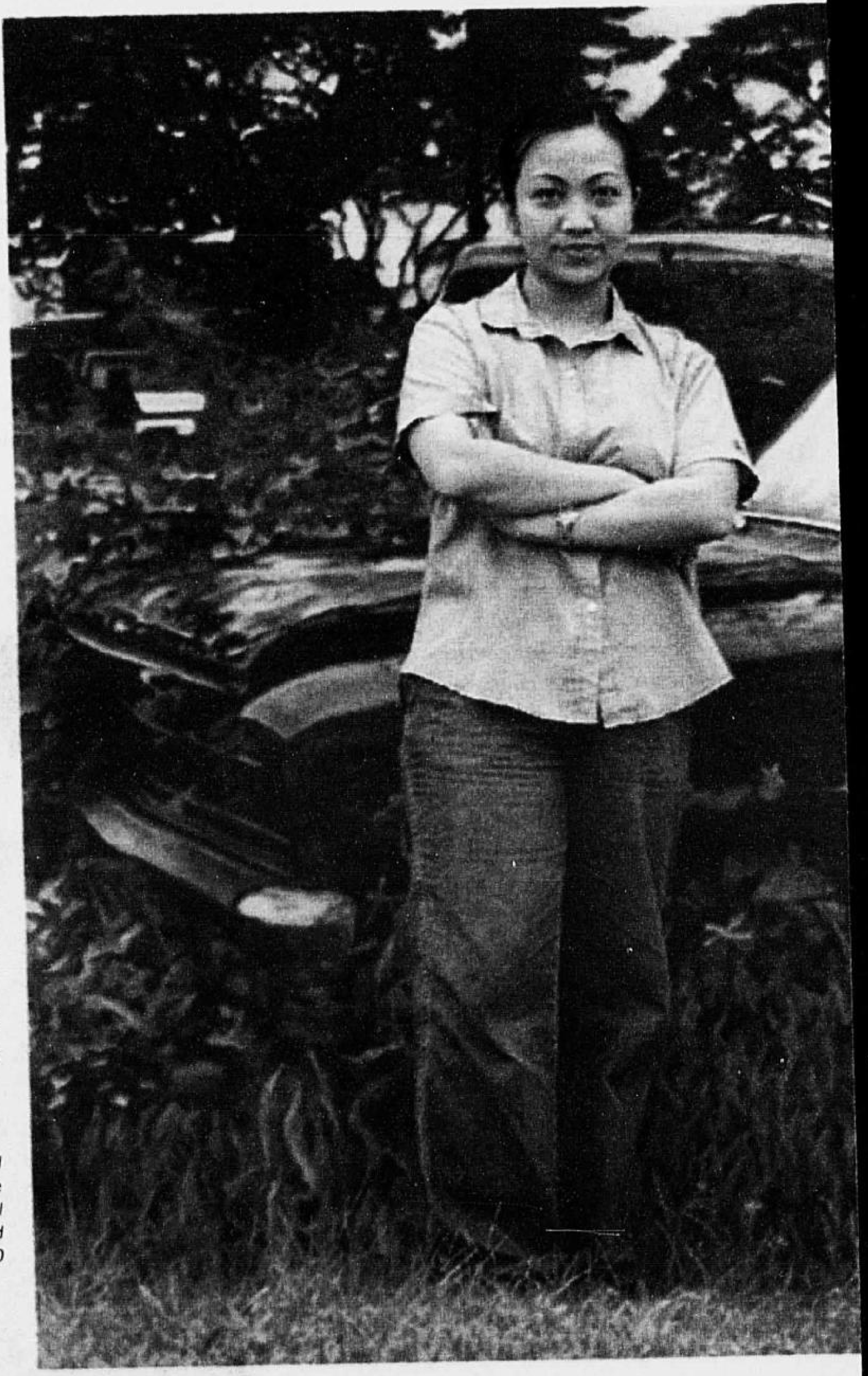
OVERWHELMED BY THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE MANILA LEG ALONE, NONA (WHO HAS TWO METROBANK COMPETITIONS UNDER HER BELT) RECALLS FEELING THRILLED ABOUT HER FIRST VENTURE INTO A CONTEST THAT DRAWS HUNDREDS OF ENTRIES EACH YEAR. SHE ALSO REMEMBERS HOPING TO BE ONE OF THE COMPETITION'S 50 FINALISTS "SO MY WORK WOULD AT LEAST BE EXHIBITED AT THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF MANILA," SHE SHRUGS. NONA MADE THE CUT ALL RIGHT, BUT SURPRISED EVERYONE — INCLUDING HERSELF—LAST AUGUST WHEN JUDGES ANNOUNCED THAT SHE HAD BAGGED THE P150,000 GRAND PRIZE CASH AWARD AND THE HONOR OF REPRESENTING THE COUNTRY IN THE FINALS LAST NOVEMBER 2000. STILL REELING FROM THAT SURREAL EXPERIENCE, NONA GOT HER SECOND SHOCK MONTHS LATER AFTER A PANEL OF ASEAN AND INTERNATIONAL JUDGES MENTIONED HER NAME AND "GRAND PRIZE" IN THE SAME BREATH AT THE AWARDS NIGHT IN SINGAPORE. "HUH? OKAY? *AKO BA TALAGA YAN?* (IS THAT REALLY ME)" SAYS NONA WHO RECEIVED US$15,000 AND ACCOLADES AMIDST A STANDING OVATION OF JUDGES. "WEIRD. *NAKAKATUWA.*"

That Nona is not only 22, but a fresh graduate, and the first female and Filipina to win the Asean Art Awards, are facts that still escape her. "In the first place, *wala akong kaalam-alam* as to how the competition goes," she admits. "And from my perception, my work looks nowhere near the ones of the previous winners."

That "work" is "See Saw," a 170.2 x 153 cm. mixed media entry. The two-paneled piece consists of a horizontal hyper-realistic oil painting of a wrapped object; the second panel below it is a light box reflecting an X-ray of the supposed shrouded object, a chain saw. Stark, sophisticated and strangely eerie, the work has everybody wondering whether the wrapped object is indeed the image in the X-ray and vice versa – a reaction expected by the artist. "The basic idea is concealment and revelation," she explains. "Wrapping is a form of concealment, and painting is another level of concealment. Even if it's photo-realistically painted, it's still not 'the' object, but a 'cover-up' of the actual object.

"Ambiguity is another idea in my work," she continues. "The X-ray is supposed to reveal what the concealed object is. But you're not really sure if it is. It just leaves the viewer with something to think about."

As original and intriguing as "See Saw" is, Nona (who dismisses any feminist notions about her work; she says she picked the chain saw because she was looking for "a big and strong" object) modestly credits her win to other factors. For one, the artist heard that hers was the kind of work "to rest your eyes upon" after viewing entries bursting with figures and colors. "I also know they expanded the rules this year to encourage mixed media works. *Nagkataon lang yan ang ginagawa ko. And para sa akin, super-suwerte lang talaga*" (It just so happened that was what I made. For me, it's just luck). It took me a lot, lot, lot of luck. Even if there were five Filipino judges in the panel, each judge has his personal bias, *di ba?* And there were

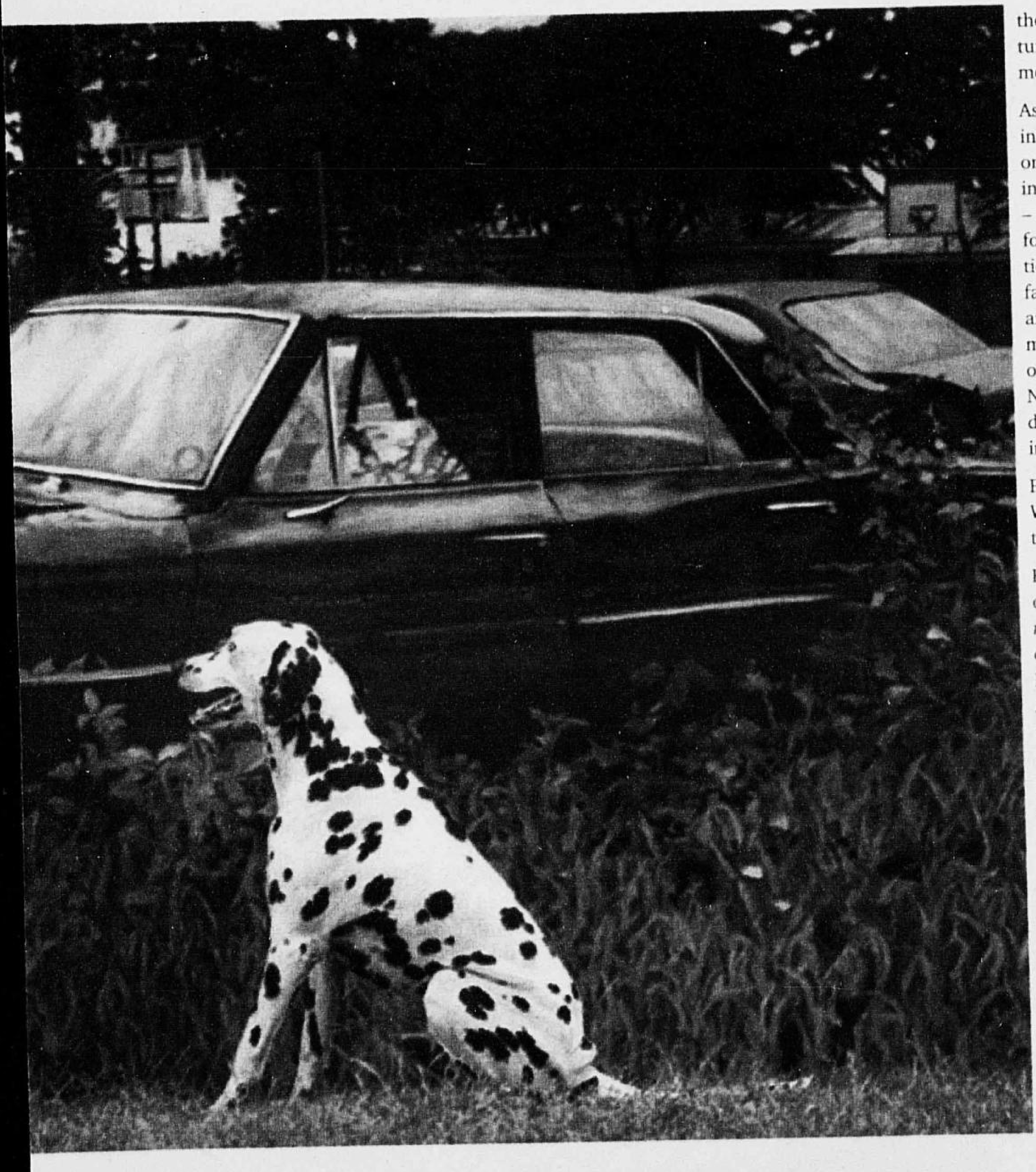


*Still life: Nona Garcia and canine friend in front of the hyperrealistic "Chevy II," oil on canvas, lightbox and map, 2000*

Seeing through concealment:
Nona at work

really many good works among the 400-plus entries. *Sa tingin ko, kung iba ang* set *ng* judges (if the judges had been different), *puwedeng iba yung* results *ng* competition."

Perhaps, but Nona's unique and thoughtful body of work suggests they made the right choice with this promising talent. One of three kids of doctor-parents (thereby allowing her free rein of the X-ray machines in their Marikina-based hospital), the artist has toyed with the themes of concealment and revelation before. Once, she took a photograph of the "Gray's Anatomy" book, put it next to its X-rayed image and titled it the ironic "Negative Findings." Last year, she painted a large-scale close-up of human skin and attached a light box within the canvas to show X-rays of body parts. "False Apparition," her last Metrobank entry, is a hyper-realistic oil painting of a shrouded figure on an empty field. (It's actually a bunch of tubes which the artist arranged and draped in a white cloth.) Her minithesis, a springboard to "See Saw," is itself a two-paneled work featuring somber, hyperrealist oil paintings of wrapped surgical instruments with images of their corresponding X-rays.



As one who likes to challenge curiosity, experiment with media, and introduce offbeat themes, Nona has collaborated with another artist on an installation that involved a bed surrounded by countless clocks in different shapes and sizes. "We wanted to recreate the experience – the paranoia—of waking up in the wee hours of the morning before everybody else, and hearing nothing but the sound of the clock ticking," she says. Her post-Philip Morris work delves on another familiar phenomenon: abandoned cars. A large-scale oil painting of an automobile stashed in the bushes is accompanied by a light-boxed map of where to locate the left vehicle. While "immortalizing" an object that has ceased to serve its purpose is one aim of the work, Nona is also interested in the idea of traces. "The cars are abandoned and that's what we see," she explained in an Asian Arts News interview. "But what happened to the people who abandoned them?"

Forthcoming group shows at the Lopez Museum, Surrounded By Water, the Finale Art Gallery, and a much-awaited first solo show at the end of the year are among her plans for 2001.

For now, Nona appears perfectly content doing, well, what 22-year-olds normally do after graduation. "*Tambay* (Hang around). *Panoodnood ng* TV. *Telebabad* and text forever," she laughs. She also helps out friends who run Big Sky Mind, a gallery-cum-restaurant in New Manila. If there's anything she isn't doing, it's swaggering after the Asean Art Awards. A refreshing revelation herself (she doesn't sport the typical artist's rebel looks or disposition), Nona says that winning the competition "made me gain confidence and know more people. It's also given me a sense of direction. Since this happened after college, I feel it's a sign for me to stay and create more art."

by [illegible] Fernandez
Photographs by C. J. Nera

*Local fisherfolk are leading the campaign for a radical solution to save the over-exploited traditional fishing ground: closing it to commercial fishing for seven years.*

# Bringing Back the Bay

"IN THE '60S UP TO THE EARLY '70S, I WAS ALREADY FISHING IN MANILA BAY. I WAS BORN AND RAISED BY MY PARENTS FROM FISHING. I WOULD GO TO THE SEA IN MY *BANGKA* WITH MY NETS, AND AFTER TWO HOURS, MY CATCH WOULD BE MORE THAN 100 KILOS AND SELL FOR SOME P500. THAT'S EQUIVALENT TO P5,000-P7,000 NOWADAYS. EVERY WEEK, I WOULD HAVE A NEW PAIR OF PANTS." THIS IS *MANG* DOMINADOR MANARANG'S FOND MEMORY OF THE ONCE BOUNTIFUL AND PRISTINE MANILA BAY. HE WAS 23 THEN.

> *Closing the bay for seven years will not significantly threaten the country's food security and favor subsistence fisherfolk in the short term. In the long term, it will help the economy*

Now 47, sewing his torn fishnet, he sighs as his face contorts into a frown. "Now, we would fish from night till dawn but we could hardly catch enough to feed our families." His wife does laundry for some families to survive each day.

Romeo Panganiban, 43, lives a few blocks away from *Mang* Doming, but his house, made of scraps of wood joined together by used brown cartons, is so decrepit it seems a strong breeze could blow it away anytime. Romeo has seven children aged 15,13,11,9,7,5, and 3. Karen, who's 13, had to stop schooling because he could not afford her tuition fee at the Naic Coastal High School. "She feels bad but I explained to her our situation," he says. To tide things over, Romeo sells coconuts while his wife does laundry.

*Mang* Doming and *Mang* Romeo's stories reflect the lives of thousands of subsistence fisherfolk living along and dependent on Manila Bay.

*Mang Doming and the tools of his trade*

Manila Bay stretches from Cochinos Point in Mariveles, Bataan towards the coastlines of Pampanga and Bulacan, Metro Manila to Limit Point in Ternate, Cavite. To this day, it boasts of the most splendid sunsets. More than that, Manila Bay continues to be an important economic zone because this is where the major sea and fish ports are located. Manila Bay links the capital city to various points in the whole archipelago. Sadly, however, it is no longer the productive and magnificent bay it used to be decades ago, the lifeline of many fisherfolk and commercial fishers where thousands of marine species thrived.

Based on research by Tambuyog Development Center, a non-government organization focusing on studies about the country's major fishing grounds, Manila Bay until the '70s had been the second biggest source of fish catch for the country. Now, acceding to the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR), commercial fishing in the bay contributes merely 2.8 percent to national fish production.

Major findings show that the bay is overfished due to commercial and municipal fishing. It is over-exploited in terms of resources and habitats, while coral reefs are continuously degraded. Even artificial reefs are destroyed by illegal fishing methods, which include the use of dynamite and sodium cyanide.

*Mang* Elias, a reformed blast fisher, grew up in Labac, Naic, Cavite and had engaged in fishing for as long as he can remember. At 48, he has seven children to support. " I used to spear fish but when these commercial fishers came in and there were less fish to catch we had to bite the bullet, and use illegal fishing methods," he says matter-of-factly. "My children know that what I've done was illegal but I have to feed them." Recently, however, having realized the negative effects of this fishing method, he joined the local Bantay-Dagat (Sea Wardens) organized by the local fisherfolk.

SMB stands for Sarado Manila Bay, and not the popular beer manufactured locally. This is the call of municipal fisherfolk, KALMADA (*Kalipunan ng mga Maliliit na Mangingisda sa* Manila Bay or Organization of Small Fisherfolk in Manila Bay) and PUMALU (*Pinagkaisang Ugnayan ng mga Maliliit na Mangingisda ng Luzon* or Conglomeration of Small Fisherfolk in Luzon), partner people's organizations of the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement (PRRM), to close Manila Bay from all forms of commercial fishing for a period of seven years. By that time, PRRM, KALAMADA and PUMALU believe that the corals would start to rehabilitate, depleted fish species would be revived and pollution will be abated with proper coastal management and strict implementation of the new fisheries code or Republic Act 8550.

Saradong Mla Bay!
Michelle
ICGD-103-CGAS
NAIC DIV.

*Fisherfolk in Naic, Cavite barely eke out a living as there are hardly any fish left in Manila Bay*

*Romeo Panganiban cracks open a coconut, from which he gets extra income to supplement a lean catch*

KALMADA was formed in August 1997 after the DA Fisheries Sector worked with the PRRM to manage the Manila Coastal Resource Management Program focusing on community organizing. KALMADA is now an organized fisherfolk group of 10,000 which maintains a partnership with the PRRM and manages an P18-million credit and livelihood program in 18 coastal communities in four provinces, including Pampanga, Bulacan, Bataan and Cavite, where its members are based.

Commercial fishers in the country are those who use boats weighing three gross tons and up, using various gear to catch big quantities of fishes. There are around 21 kinds of gear being used but the most common are the bottom-dragged nets such as push-nets, trawls, gillnets, longlines and liftnets, as well as very bright lights to attract fishes towards the nets.

Of all working sectors, the small fisherfolks are one of the most neglected and deprived of government services. But compared to other agricultural industries, the fishery industry is self-sufficient; it is always believed that there are enough fish resources for our population's needs. But until when?

In his speech during the first anniversary of the Philippine Navy's environmental program where a symbolic clean-up of Manila Bay was held, former Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado stated that caring for the environment is very important in the development of a nation. "There is a direct connection between caring for the environment and eradicating poverty. Our marginalized fisherfolk are trying so hard to eke out a living." He expressed his support for the campaign to ban commercial fishers in Manila Bay. "This body of water could hardly hold marine life but we continue to kill it," he stressed. The problem of Manila Bay, he explains, is a result of government's lack of policy in environmental protection and the lack of an effective sewage system.

Is SMB the answer to the problem of Manila Bay? Many sectors, even those engaged in commercial fishing, believe in the soundness of the proposal to close Manila Bay. Marine Scientist Dr. Profirio Alino, Deputy Director of the University of the Philippines Marine Science Department, believes SMB is a "sensible solution to the problem of Manila Bay. The call for a seven-year closed season for commercial fishing has ecological basis but seven years is still not enough to return Manila Bay to what it originally was. However, there will be positive results if the rehabilitation program will be implemented strictly from day one," Dr. Alino says.

Within or after seven years Dr. Alino says that there would be an increase in the fish stock density in the whole area, but the corals would take a longer time to rehabilitate as long as the problem of siltation is not solved. Thus, there is an urgent need to implement some engineering schemes such as dredging Manila Bay and its tributary rivers. He also proposes that aside from the ban on commercial fishing, there should be massive reforestation in watershed areas in order to prevent coastal erosion, and a replanting of mangroves. Another important solution is the relocation of all squatters living along Pasig River and the coastal communities along Manila Bay.

SMB could only be the initial stage of the solution to the complex environmental and political problems involving Manila Bay. It would not significantly threaten the country's food security. It would favor first of all the subsistence fisherfolk in the short-term. In the long run it would help the economy, especially the fishing industry. To ban municipal fishing together with commercial fishing at this point would be a solution leading to a non-solution.

Filipinos are fish eaters. Population pressure on the resources of the bay has taken its toll. It's about time that we paid back to mother nature what we owe her—a responsible program to revive the bay. Through SMB, we may be able to bring back the once pristine environment where hundreds of species thrived and subsistence fisherfolk did not have to go hungry.

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come in this lifetime. "When I saw that my children trooped to Edsa on their own and were active in the oust-Estrada movement, it was the best thing that happened to me," notes this mother of three daughters. "It brought my personal life and politics together. Now I know that with a sense of sureness, my children can take their place in society and be able to manage its challenges. All those efforts at alternative lifestyles and child rearing have borne fruit. *Hindi pala sayang*. It has been worth all the work."

The same thoughts nagged Ging when the offer came for her to join government. "After People Power 2, people were saying, how can we just leave? If we keep saying government is not for me, you can't expect others to take on the job, too. I always tell my children, when you complain, you have to do something about it and you're invited to do something about it. How can you complain afterwards if you do your part?"

But what is Ging doing in poverty work?

One of the founding members of Pilipina and the women's political party, Abanse! Pinay, Ging is a major force in the local women's movement. As well, the executive director of the Gaston Z. Ortigas Peace Institute is a known peace advocate, successfully pushing for the establishment in conflict-torn areas of peace zones that allowed children access to health and medical services in the midst of war. But can she apply her feminist analysis and her skills as a peacekeeper to the issue of poverty?

"Actually, my experiences in feminism and peace advocacy are relevant to my posting," says Ging. "Poverty has a woman's face. Majority of the poor are women so the problem can be viewed from a woman's perspective. In terms of processes, women are also more open to consensus building. They can search for solutions without regard for ego, credit, or turf which, by culture, seems to be a very male tendency."

As convenor of several peace conferences, Ging has trudged the countryside in an effort to make different sectors smoke the peace pipe. "When people in civil society heard about my being offered this position, there was unanimity that I should take it because of my exposure to different sectors and their concerns about poverty. We were involved in the lobby that actually produced the law on Nap-C."

But Ging would be the first to admit that a lot remains to be done. "Most of the laws on Nap-C were in place by the end of the Ramos term. The challenge is how to mainstream it. For example, how do we make asset reform work in the fisheries code or in ancestral domain? How can the problem be addressed by every department? Under President Ramos, the anti-poverty program was supposed to benefit the 20 poorest provinces but soon enough, the definition became political. Erap concentrated on the 100 poorest families and that's even worse because it's a dole-out."

What she has in mind, Ging says, is to "let representatives from the basic sectors sit in the policy table. It is important that the poor themselves are empowered and are part of defining and carving out a policy that reduces poverty.

While they are given meaningful and substantive participation in the policy table, the sectors are expected to do their part as well, says Ging. "They must do their homework, monitor how the law is being implemented and work to expand the voice of their sector. It's so easy to divide and rule the sectors because of their need. A few groups get a few concessions and they're happy; meanwhile, structural changes don't happen and things remain the same."

She is optimistic, however, that the problem of poverty is being taken seriously this time. "The President has been very emphatic in saying that the basic sectors must be included in the policy table by March and that the poverty-reduction program must be part of the country's economic and fiscal policies." At the same time, this former Maryknoll english teacher cautions against too high expectations. "We only have three years left, so don't expect that poverty will be solved within that period."

It is admittedly a large amorphous problem and failing is a possibility. In which case, shrugs Ging, "it would have, at the very least, advanced my understanding of how to address the problem of poverty and this I'll bring with me in my next challenge." What is important, she adds, is that "we gave the basic sectors the chance to be heard, to debate with Cabinet secretaries and raise their issues directly to the President. The poor and the politically powerless have the capacity to fight for themselves and must not rely merely on patronage."

In the long run, she adds, "the statistics on poverty may not change, but if the citizens' sense of entitlement from government is increased, then that's good enough. It's an investment for the future."

## VICKY GARCHITORENA: OILING THE WHEELS OF GOVERNANCE

She is an overachiever, and that's an understatement.

Vicky P. Garchitorena, recently-appointed chief of the Presidential Management Staff (PMS) was chosen outstanding student in college, graduated summa cum laude in Physics, was an SGV scholar in management, was CEO of several large corporations and president of the Ayala Foundation for the longest time, and is either a founding trustee or chair of some of the country's most respected foundations and civic organizations. She is also a business columnist and a radio/TV host. Along the way, she took up all the management, accounting, credit evaluation, marketing, economics, leadership and environmental training she could lay her hands on while holding down a full time job. On the side, she managed to bring up five children (all upright and the best thing that happened to her, she says) and has maintained a quiet life despite the high visibility of her husband, Sandiganbayan Justice Francis Garchitorena. No stage mother, she won't tell you until you ask that yes, stage actor Jaime Garchitorena is her son, her eldest.

So, is she for real?

Vicky laughs. "But I've always been driven to excel. Even when I was in school, I was very active and was always class president. I would do 10 million things at the same time." The youngest of six siblings, Vicky comes from a family of professionals, her parents being both doctors and several relatives being either lawyers or medical professionals.

Torn between Physics, Journalism and Psychology, Vicky chose the most challenging course and topped it. She immediately worked as a researcher at the egg-shaped dome in Quezon City, otherwise known as the Philippine Atomic Research Center. "It was a short stint," she says almost regretfully, because marriage beckoned. "I was doing experiments on the same floor as the reactor and I thought it was better to be safe than sorry if I wanted to have healthy children."

But the science bent has proven very helpful in enhancing her management skills, she notes. "I read somewhere that if you have a science background, you get equipped with the analytical skills to handle business and finance well," she adds modestly.

As a former CEO of several big corporations, Vicky is the perfect choice for the perpetually-hectic and controversial PMS, a power center at Malacañang. The PMS office prepares all the background materials and agenda for the weekly Cabinet meetings; writes all the memos to support Cabinet decisions; takes care of the logistics for the daily events attended by the

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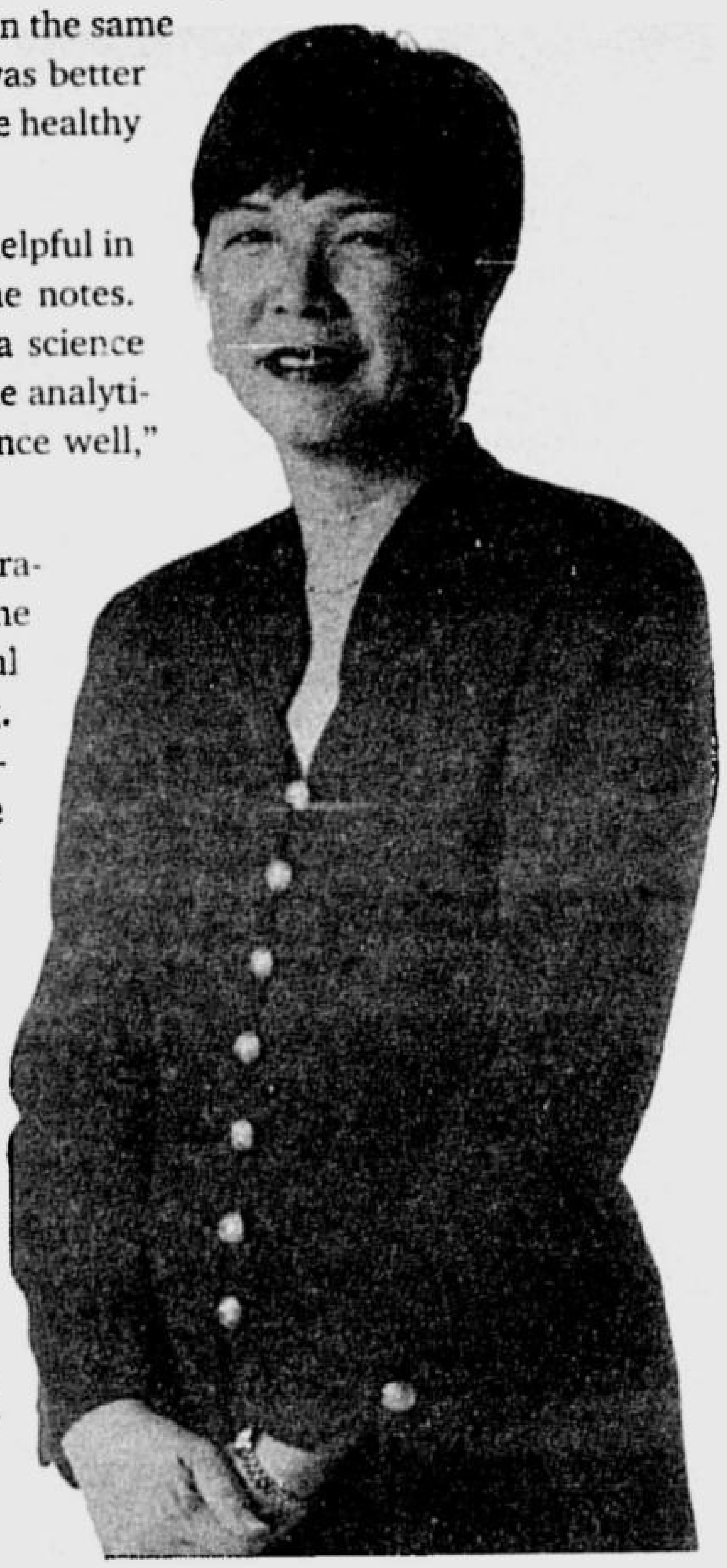

*Garchitorena: Driven to excel*

**First Person**

by Fe B. Zamora

*People assume every mother is married to her child's father. But what if you're the other woman?*

# My Secret Life So Far

I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE. FOR THE PAST 13 YEARS, I HAVE BEEN LEADING A DOUBLE LIFE. IN ONE LIFE, I AM A JOURNALIST WITH A FIVE-SYLLABLE BYLINE AS SHOWN ABOVE. IN THE OTHER WORLD THAT I INHABIT, I AM KNOWN AS MRS. SANTOS WITH NEITHER A FIRST NAME NOR A MIDDLE INITIAL.

*(Editor's Note: We want to know what people are thinking these days. Tell us what's on your mind and in your heart. And no, you don't have to be under 30 or over 65 to contribute to this column. We welcome contributions from all ages.)*

The names denote dichotomous lives that are diametrically opposed to each other. Very few people know that I and Mrs. Santos are one and the same. Most of those who know me as Mrs. Santos don't know I am also the person behind the byline.

As the person behind the byline, I live the life of a scoop-hungry journalist who breathes for the story. I have few friends, just colleagues and sources. I cultivate friendships in my beat as a pretext to a story: the bottom line is the story, the scoop for my newspaper. I ask questions, listen carefully for nuances and angles, then agonize over the first paragraph. I toss in my sleep over dangling leads and dead ends. I fret over documents I couldn't use without corroboration and crisp quotes. Sometimes, I wake up in the middle of the night regretting why I didn't ask a particular question during that afternoon's press conference.

My other life is staid, predictable and commonplace. In May 1987, at the Polymedic Hospital in Mandaluyong, I gazed at the nurse who kept calling me Mrs. Santos. I stood up like a zombie, my month-old son in my arms. Then I saw the chart she was holding: my son's surname is Santos. The nurse concluded that since I am the mother, I must be Mrs. Santos.

Illustration by Steph Bravo

That launched my secret life as Mrs. Santos. On my son's first dental visit, I fidgeted before writing Santos on the forms. When my son was three, I enrolled him at a neighborhood day care center as a Santos. When he turned five, I transferred him to a nursery. Was I glad to see a friend among the parents! I was gaily chatting with an Air Force pilot when the principal started paging Mrs. Santos. The pilot snapped at me: "Miss Zamora, I think it's your turn!"

When I handed her my son's birth certificate, the principal merely threw it a desultory glance. Had she bothered to scrutinize the document, she would have noted that I was not married to my son's father, who had the boy registered as his own. "Just call me Fe," I said, handing her my calling card. She continued calling me Mrs. Santos until classes closed that year.

When my son was six, I moved him to another school along Edsa. By then, I had quit my job as beat reporter. My byline appeared occasionally but not as often. The principal and the teachers call me Mrs. Santos. "Just call me Fe," I said, handing them calling cards. Nobody took me seriously. They looked at my son's registration, checked his birth certificate, and started calling me Mrs. Santos. I drove my son to school everyday. He was so insecure he wouldn't allow me out of his sight. I sat at the back of the classroom with the mothers of other insecure kids. Days later, we moved to the schoolyard where the kids could still see us from the window. Meantime, I made friends with the mothers who, I presumed, were the living examples of what journalists call ordinary housewives.

I joined their conversation, careful not to give them a hint about my life. I wanted to blend. I feigned ignorance over issues. I asked questions sparingly, lest I give away my cover. Not too probing, never all-knowing. I suppose they were all married because they talked a lot about their husbands. They griped about their housemaids and bad-mouthed their in laws.

And that's how I spent my days as Mrs. Santos, making small talk that were of no consequence, though it cast a soothing spell on my jaded soul: "Soak it overnight, *kumare, tanggal lahat ng mantsa.*" "My children have warned me against buying that brand!" "*Ay naku, kumadre,* that SOB sells nothing but carabeef!"

A favorite topic was vaginal repair or "flower arrangement"—where to get it, how it's being done, how much it costs. Apparently, one of the wives had it. She has five or seven kids whom she packs inside an FX van. The topic held the women at rapt attention, as I gazed at them in awe. And I thought I'd heard it all!

Once a hypothetical question was thrown around for the group to masticate. What would you do if your husband has another woman? The question was met with stony silence. Then the dam broke as opinions came out in torrents. "He has to choose!" "End the affair!" "Sue him and make sure you get everything." "I'll pull her hair out until she's bald!"

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*by John L. Silva*

# Of *Pok-poks* and Political Statements

*The posters seem a bit crude and shrill as we return to our mundane and proper lives. But a revolutionary ouster of a noxious President temporarily transforms the people who plot it*

I TOOK PICTURES OF THE VARIOUS PLACARDS, POSTERS, AND MURALS THAT APPEARED IN THE ANTI-ESTRADA RALLIES. POLITICAL ART REFLECTS SOCIETY'S TURMOIL AND BECOME INSTRUCTIVE HISTORICAL REFERENCES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. POLITICAL ART CAN ALSO BE VALUABLE COLLECTIBLES. AT A RECENT INTERNATIONAL AUCTION, POSTERS ON THE 1968 FRENCH STUDENT RIOTS WERE FETCHING ANYWHERE BETWEEN P150,000 AND P500,000 EACH, WITH ANTI-DE GAULLE POSTERS THE MORE EXPENSIVE OF THE LOT.

In the anti-Estrada rallies, there were quite a few handmade posters with words that would become rally chants. Many of them have been deemed anti-gay or sexist. They were, but one should note the context behind such posters and why the chanting was quite vigorous. I screamed as loud as the next guy when they started chanting "Ernie *Bading!*" For several weeks Ernie Maceda employed such sleazeball tactics in defense of Estrada that I, like hundreds of thousands of other enraged folks, had only our yelling to embarrass him.

I was in an Estrada Resign rally in front of the Senate a week before the "Don't Open the Envelope" night. Our crowd wasn't huge that day. Here came Ernie, with thousands of his rent-a-crowd sporting more tattoos on their arms than teeth in their mouths. His pot-bellied goons wearing wrap-around sunglasses and clutching megaphones would order the pathetic crowd to wave the "Erap Remain" pennants in unison. Another order and the crowd danced like marionettes flailing malnourished arms and tubercular bodies, showing they were worth every peso.

Then the crowd began looking mean. A bunch of thugs started to surround our fenced encampment egging for a fight. Bad enough my poor countrymen were being paid to be fools that day. Now, I thought ironically, some out-of-control-queen is going to have me beaten up.

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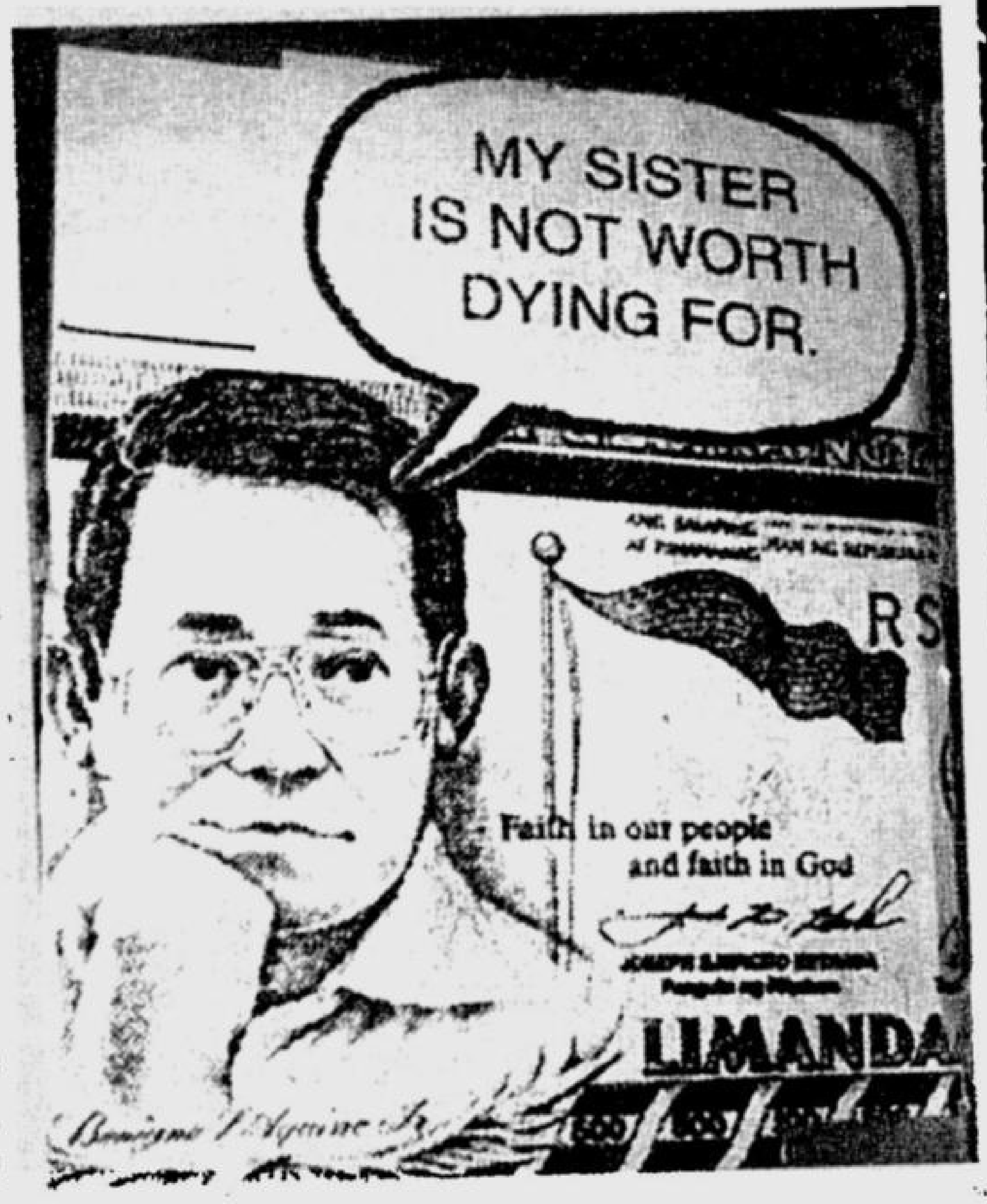
ENVELOPE #2
J. OSMEÑA


MY SISTER IS NOT WORTH DYING FOR.
Faith in our people and faith in God
LIMANDA

Digital photographs by John L. Silva

Those lusty angry chants against Maceda and John Osmeña weren't solely symptomatic of an anti-gay prejudice still existing in this country. For weeks, the public endured watching on TV an often sneering, often snoring Osmeña, and be offended by his blatant partiality. As for Maceda, an ambassador to the most plum position of all, he made a nation retch as he morphed into a low-life cheerleader. The masses were not pleased. So when Edsa came along, this was the chance to stick it to them. Would they chant Maceda *Tuta* and John Obstructionist? Boring.

Instead, they chanted "Ernie *Bading*" and "Osmeña *Bakla*." Pull them out of the closet and embarrass them. They were "outed" in the traditional gay activist way of exposing public individuals whose personas belie the actuality, and whose actions are inimical to the public good.

The crowd didn't really care if Maceda or Osmeña were fairies. What they didn't like were dizzy fairies who lost their principles and queers who sucked up to power and greed.

Filipinos, by and large, are a tolerant people and can make distinctions. Just as the crowd screamed "Ernie *Bading*," the same crowd wildly applauded the Pro-Gay speaker on stage. Just as they hollered "Osmeña *Bakla*," over and over again, there were no gays and lesbians being beaten up in anti-Erap rallies. In fact, in every anti-Erap rally there was a gay and lesbian contingent, and some of the leaders of the anti-Erap movement are gays and lesbians. Now that Maceda and Osmeña are history, are gays and lesbians being rounded and burnt at the stake? Nope, they've been celebrating like the rest of the nation and being included in the new administration.

As for "Oreta *Pok Pok*," that hammer-sounding chant second only in popularity to the "Erap Resign" chant, women's groups feel it's a putdown of prostitutes. Yes, it is. But again, these same chanters, many of them women, overthrew Erap because they had had enough of the way he treated women. And, they've had it with women prostituting themselves to men like Erap to exact power and money at the expense of the nation. Rightly or wrongly, Sen. Tessie Oreta is perceived as such, and her dancing on the Senate floor that shameless night didn't help one bit to dispel it.

The posters seem a bit crude and shrill as we return to our mundane and proper lives. But a revolutionary ouster of a noxious President temporarily transforms the people who plot it. Gone are the bourgeois niceties. Political Correctness waylaid. Hypocrisies jettisoned in favor of telling-it-like-it-is. Nuns yelling *Pok Pok*. Lesbians bellowing *Bading*. I miss the hearty laughter of 500,000 people over a joke about Osmeña and his microphone obsession. You don't get the point if you think it's just another stereotype about queens and large phalluses. Actually, the laughter was the final curtain call for John Osmeña's insipid political career.

Words used to oppress and malign should be, and have been, removed from world usage. Words once hurting have, through time, lost their capacity to maim. Yet despite political correctness, words deemed anathema can subvert themselves and become rallying cries. I might have chosen another invective, another drawing, to express my loathing for Ernie Maceda or John Osmeña. But the words and the images at the rallies, for those moments, suited me just fine.

As Mrs. Santos, I sat there wondering: Should I tell them I am an unmarried woman with a child, the *disgrasyada* of yore, that I could be that other woman you all love to hate? The hazards of being a missus to no one in particular can be endless, I speak to them in my mind.

One morning in Camp John Hay, I woke up from the ruckus outside my room. A Benguet woman with an oversized l-shirt was banging at my door. She was hysterical. She kept saying Mrs. Santos, but I couldn't make heads or tails of it because she was speaking in Ilocano or Igorot, I couldn't tell. Was she introducing herself as Mrs. Santos, or was she calling me Mrs. Santos? I called the security office of the Camp and reported the incident. "Some deranged woman," said the guard who advised me to lock the door. "But I am not Mrs. Santos," I wanted to assure her. But she was gone, gone in the way of the fog that hugged the doorstep.

I am Mrs. Santos partly out of maternal duties but mostly for the sake of convenience. Teachers assume that since the permit to join a field trip to Subic is signed by Mrs. Santos, it has the consent of Mr. Santos. But embassies can be bothersome. When we applied for a European visa, my son's application was held for lack of a father's consent. I was traveling as a Zamora with a minor surnamed Santos; I must have looked like a child trafficker. (A father, on the other hand, can travel with a minor child even without the consent of the mother.)

There is pending in the Lower House a bill amending the Family Code provision to grant illegitimate children the right to use their father's surname, provided the father recognizes them as his own. The amendment will remove the stigma of being a bastard *daw,* according to the authors, who must think paternal recognition is all it takes to raise happy, well-adjusted kids. (Sorry but I think the amendment is designed to assuage the fathers of their guilt, as if giving their bastards their name will make up for their absence and neglect. As one lawyer told me, there are no illegitimate children, only illegitimate parents.)

The authors of the law, I suspect, did not seek the opinion of the illegitimate mothers. At 6, my son was perplexed that I had a name different from his: he could not relate to my byline. It's in your birth certificate, I said. "But who put it there?" he asked. So I stopped handing out calling cards. Then and there I decided I was going to be Mrs. Santos only when I have to deal with the business of raising my son.

But I'm on my way to getting rid of my dual identity. In the past two years, I've been introducing myself as Ms. Zamora "and this is my son, Mr. Santos." My son used to glower when I tell people I'm a single mother. But now, at 13, he no longer minds. I think he is more amused than embarrassed.

Last summer, a young man who was conducting a survey on detergents, asked me: "Is Zamora your maiden name, Ma'am?" "I'm a maiden," I shot back. Mr. Santos let out a hearty chuckle. I'm regaining my singular identity, I'm glad to say, and so is my son, rising to claim what's rightfully his.

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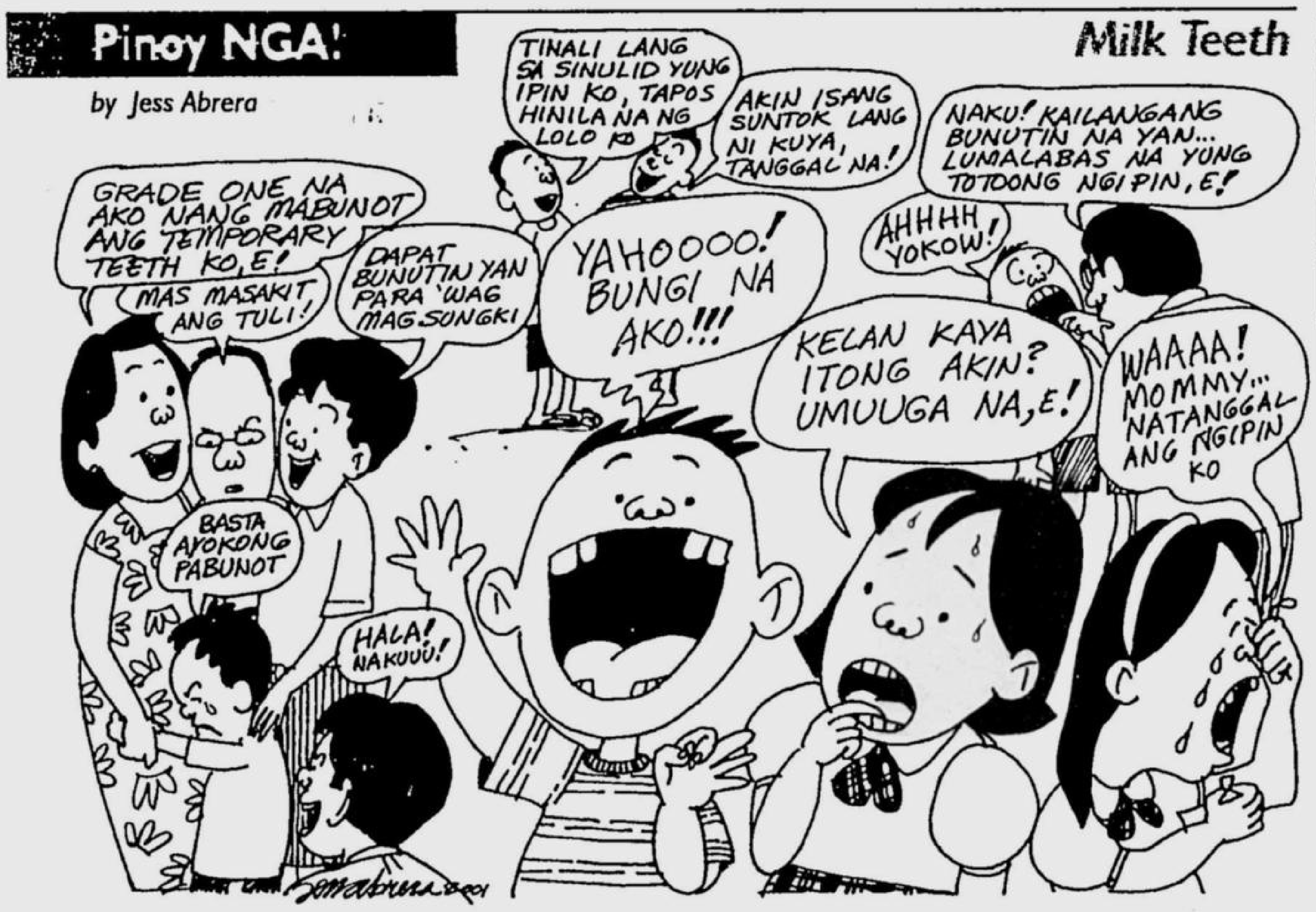
## Pinoy NGA!

by Jess Abrera

### Milk Teeth


GRADE ONE NA AKO NANG MABUNOT ANG TEMPORARY TEETH KO, E!
MAS MASAKIT ANG TULI!
DAPAT BUNUTIN YAN PARA 'WAG MAG SUNGKI
TINALI LANG SA SINULID YUNG IPIN KO, TAPOS HINILA NA NG LOLO KO
AKIN ISANG SUNTOK LANG NI KUYA, TANGGAL NA!
YAHOOOO! BUNGI NA AKO!!!
NAKU! KAILANGANG BUNUTIN NA YAN... LUMALABAS NA YUNG TOTOONG NGIPIN, E!
AHHHH YOKOW!
KELAN KAYA ITONG AKIN? UMUUGA NA, E!
WAAAA! MOMMY... NATANGGAL ANG NGIPIN KO
BASTA AYOKONG PABUNOT
HALA! NAKUUU!
Jess Abrera 2001

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President; reviews contracts and policies for errors and inconsistencies; takes care of the substance behind the President's speeches; takes charge of her social fund and, most critical at this point, prepares all the necessary documents to finalize the President's new appointees. "It's like one huge secretariat and support unit to the executive office," says Vicky.

Asked to describe the personal qualities that make her ideal for the job, Vicky mentions general management skills that help her anticipate and analyze problems quickly, her drive for excellence, and her interpersonal skills.

It wasn't the first time that a government posting was offered her. As an active political supporter during Edsa 1986, she had a chance to serve under the Aquino administration, "but there was a tacit agreement that there won't be any conjugal work teams, no couples working for government. So when Francis was appointed to the Sandiganbayan, I withdrew quietly from the scene."

This time around, there was a sense of urgency in the government's offer. "I guess I took the job in the euphoria of the moment," says Vicky. "The quick resolution of the crisis took us by surprise so there was no time to really think things through. You had to jump in. Especially since President Arroyo immediately needed people in her office during the first critical days."

Two nights of prayers and Bible reading later, she decided to give up her privacy and considerable paycheck and started keeping late hours at the Palace. "I work from 7 a.m. to 10 at night and have absolutely no social life," she complains good-naturedly.

More than the long hours, it is the PMS' reputation as a snake pit, as a center of power and therefore intrigues, that Vicky's friends fear. Will she soon be tagged "Dragon Lady" like her predecessor?

"She's so nice they'll probably call her 'Firefly Lady,' " says her best friend Carol Atacador, executive director of Centex, a school for bright but underprivileged children in Tondo. "Vicky is at that stage in her life when her emotional quotient is so high she can certainly handle intrigues and gossip well."

Saying "no" to persistent applicants lobbying for presidential appointments won't be a problem for the new PMS chief, either, says Carol. "She'll say, 'Alright, bring me the papers,' because she always gives everyone a fair chance. Then she'll look at all the pertinent documents and research that person's competence and abilities. If they don't make the grade, she'll be very honest and tell them, 'I'm sorry, you're not the appropriate person for this job.' She's not about to set up people for failure by giving them the wrong jobs."

Vicky says as much. She's comfortable working with the holdover PMS staff, she says. "They're very professional and seem to know what they need to do. I would even say, *turuan ninyo ako, ha?"* Although she is still learning the ropes and sorting things out, Vicky is confident that her job at PMS is "just like any other management chore, except that you see this huge bulk of work rolling down at you like an avalanche. I have something like five mountain piles of paper work to do," she says.

Adjusting from the corporate world hasn't been easy, she admits. "My computer now is a lot slower than what I used to have." Worse, she laughs, "*nalalagay na yata ako sa mga* text jokes. But it has died down, I think."

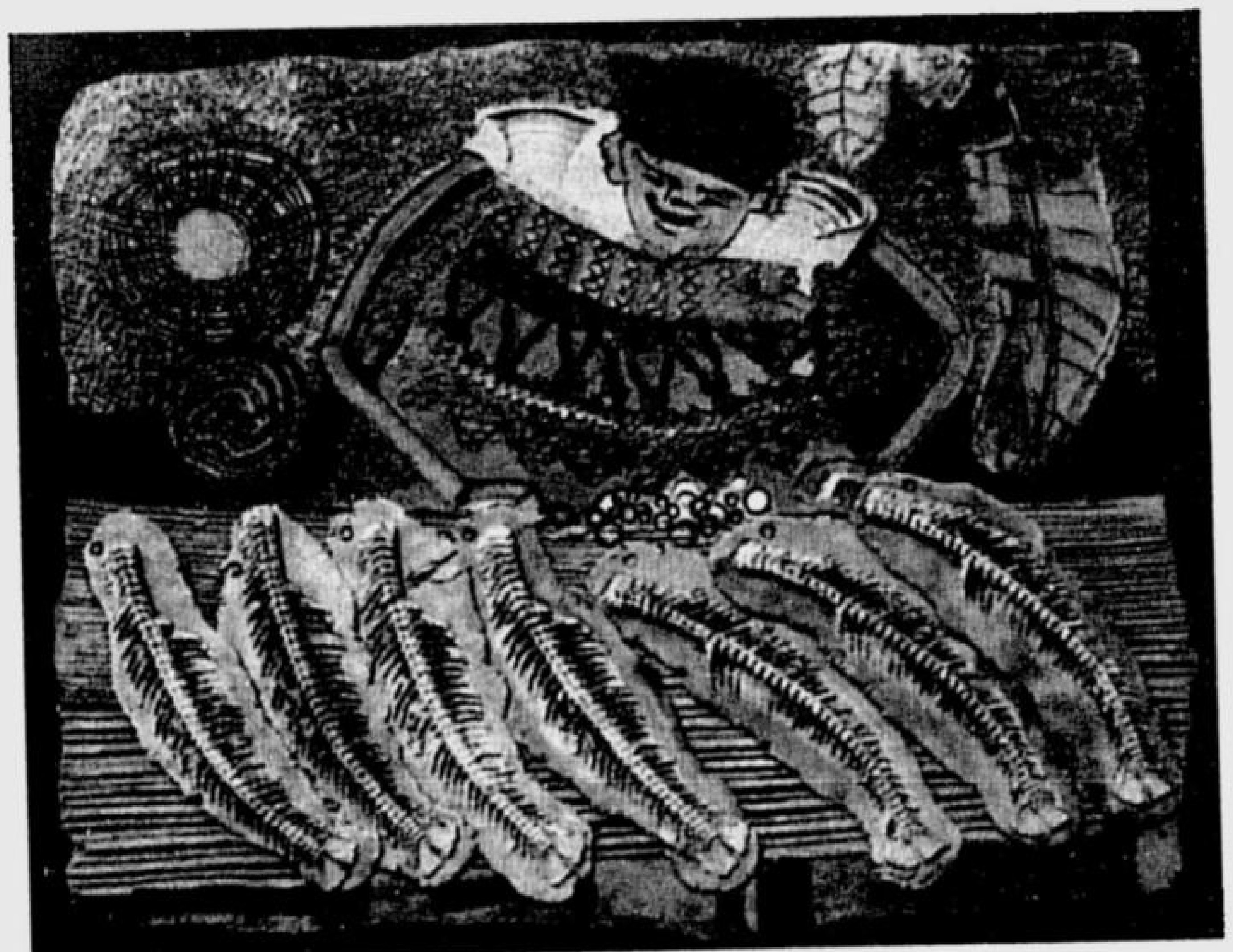
Vicky, whose first foray into politics was as volunteer in the presidential campaign of Sen. Raul Manglapus in 1965, describes herself as "a firm believer in principled politics." "If I believe in something, I will act on it."

# Art

**Forms and Textures,** an exhibition of contemporary studio pottery by Nelfa Querubin at the Lobby of the Vargas Museum, UP Diliman, QC. Till Feb. 28. For details, call 920-5301 local 7407 or 7408.

*Libog* opens the "Who Owns Women's Bodies" (or WOWB) exhibit at the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Bulwagang Juan Luna (Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City). Presented are new works that deal with sexual and reproductive rights by artists including Imelda Cajipe-Endaya, Julie Lluch, Jose Tence Ruiz, Tita Lim, among others. Till March 31. After its CCP stint, WOWB travels to Davao and Cebu later in the year.

***Semana Santa* Crucifixions,** exhibit by Alwin Reamillo, at the Bulwagang Fernando Amorsolo (Cultural Center of the Philippines, Roxas Boulevard, Manila) till February 28. For details, call 754-6173. It is supported by the Australian Embassy as part of Australia's Centenary of Federation celebrations.



*Nelfa Querubin's "Memory Series # 3," one of her works on exhibit at the Lobby of the Vargas Museum, UP Diliman, Quezon City, till Feb. 28*

The 23 members of Cavite-based group **Anting-Anting,** including Emmanuel Garibay, Irma Lacorte and Clairelyn Uy, will exhibit their murals and works at the Vargas Museum in UP Diliman, Quezon City. Till Feb. 28.

**February Images,** exhibit by the Katipunan Group, at Crimson Gallery (140 Katipunan Road, White Plains, Quezon City). Till Feb. 28. Artists include Nando Singson, Nestor Villanueva, and others. For details, call 362-3813.

***Pag-ibig* Findings,** featuring the works of UP Fine Arts students, including Chico Beltran, Carmelo Caluag, Dada Docot, among others, at Big Sky Mind (66B Doña Juana Rodriguez St., New Manila, Quezon City). Till March 18. For details, call 414-7451.

**Unity and Contradiction: The Rise and Fall of Urban Realism,** exhibit by Wire Tuazon, at the Finale Art Gallery (4/L, SM Megamall A, Edsa, Mandaluyong City). Till Feb. 25. For details, call 634-2410/11.

**Edsa *Dos*,** exhibit by photojournalists Ray Panaligan, Boy Esclanda, Ricky Canta (Kabayan), Jojo Pasana (Manila Times), Tony Pionilla (Sun Star), Sid Balatan (Kyodo News), Sonny Espiritu (Manila Standard), Joseph Vidal (Senate photographer), Lawrence Chin (Alpha Camera Club), and Rey Sabio at Blind Tiger Bar and Gallery, 13 Visayas Avenue, Quezon City. 928-1158/928-1160. Until March 9.

The Alcove (Filipinas Heritage Library, Makati Ave., Ayala Triangle, Makati City) presents ***Kalakalan en Blanco y Negro,*** a rich display of images depicting Philippine trade during the Spanish era. Till Feb. 28. For details, call 892-1801.

Galleria Duemila (4/F SM Megamall) presents **Spontaneous Architecture,** an exhibit of Australian artist Tony Twigg's multi-dimensional sculptures till Feb. 28. For details, call 831-9990 or e-mail duemila@info.com.ph.

# Music

**Traditional New Year Concert at Mandarin Oriental.** To be held Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m., at the hotel's grand ballroom, the concert features two of Austria's finest musical artists—soprano Isabella Ma-Zach and conductor Ernest Hoetzl—with Filipino tenor Jonathan Malicsi and the 40-piece Philippine Chamber Orchestra. Features the compositions of waltz king Johann Strauss and some well-loved Filipino melodies by Lucio San Pedro and Felipe de Leon. Tickets can be purchased at the hotel lobby's ticket desk for P2,000. For details, call 750-8888.

**Paco Park Presents** "Back to Classics." Featuring guitarist Lester Demetillo and pianist Agot Espino, who will play classical pieces from the Romantic period. At the Paco Park, San Marcelino, Manila, 6 p.m. Hosted b y Minette Padilla. Free admission. For details, call 526-8163.

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**For this week's bands and schedules call:**

- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

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# Onstage

**Deuterium.** Artistang Artlets, official theater guild of UST's Faculty of Arts and Letters, brings to life Bienvenido M. Noriega's comedy about the Philippines striking gold and becoming the richest country in the world. Directed by Jasper Lascano, the play runs from Feb. 20 to 22, at the Albertus Magnus Auditorium, Education Building, UST, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For details, call Lolay Sevilla at 0919-402-7834/ 456-8904 or Teza Rosete at 0917-9269756.

The Kultura Center for the Arts of the University of Asia and the Pacific-Office of Student Affairs presents its 4th Annual Kultura Play, Eugene Ionesco's **How to Get Rid of It.** Directed by Tinette Villanueva, onstage at the Telengtan Hall, APEC Communications Building, UA&P Ortigas Campus on Feb. 21, 23, 28 and March 2. Gala performance on March 24. All shows start at 7 p.m. For details, call 637-0912 local 280 or 635-0529, or email tina@uap.edu.ph.

*Tirik,* a play directed by Soxy Topacio, featuring Leonardo Litton and Allyson VII Gonzales, onstage Feb. 20 and 27 and March 6 and 13 at Mr. Melody Bar and Restaurant (75 Roces Ave. corner Scout Santiago , Quezon City). For details, call 415-0373 or 374-1361.

# Film

**Short films at UP Film Center.** Mes De Guzman's *"Batang Trapo"* will have its premiere showing on February 19, 2001 at 6 p.m. The 35mm experimental narrative on street children will be preceded by the screening of Roxlee and Monlee's "Tito's Wedding." Sponsored by Sampay-Bakod Production, Kinetika Intermedia and Fuji-Keyser Mercantile, the event is open to the public. For details, call 8611598 (Abet) or 4364108 (Ramon).

# Atbpa

**Send your Edsa photos for book on Edsa 2.** ABS-CBN Publishing calls out to all photojournalists and amateur photographers who took photos of the events on Edsa 2. Color or black and white, print or transparencies, starting from the mass actions in October 2000 to January 2001's Edsa 2001, Senate Blue Ribbon Committee hearings, the impeachment at the House of the Representatives and the trial. Also photos outside of Metro Manila. Selected photos will be paid for and the unused ones will be returned. Send your photos to Noli Yamsuan, photo editor, Edsa Shrine, Edsa corner Ortigas Ave., Mandaluyong City. All entries must have a stamped return envelope.

**Blood donation.** Northwest Club Red, in cooperation with The Medical City Blood Bank, invites you to save lives by donating blood on Feb. 24, 8 a.m. to noon. Venue is the Medical City, San Miguel Avenue, Mandaluyong City. For details, call Joy of Club Red at 939-4965 or Jenny of The Medical City Blood Bank Section at 631-8626, local 784.

**The Lopez Memorial Museum's Luncheon Series** continues with the "First Filipino *Pensionados*" on March 21. Colonial art expert and historian Dr. Luciano Santiago talks about the life and times of the first Filipino *pensionado* artists. Each luncheon lecture is priced at P1,250 per person at the Benpres Building's Executive Dining Lounge (5/F, Exchange Road, Pasig City). The lectures are part of the museum's topics that deal with Asian and Philippine art, culture and letters. For details, call 631-2417 or 449-2355.

The Interior Design Batch 2001 of St. Scholastica's College-Manila holds an exhibit titled ***"Bagong Anyo sa Bagong Año"*** at Urban Bank Plaza, Urban Avenue, Makati City. From Feb. 18 to 25.

**Mass for the Death of an Enemy,** a novel by Renato Madrid, is published by the Ateneo Press (tel. no. 426-5984; email unipress@admu.edu.ph), and is available at Solidaridad (531 Padre Faura, Ermita, Manila, 523-0870) and at leading bookstores.

# Food

**Kitaro Sushi Japanese-to-go** opens its fifth branch at Annapolis Greenhills (beside ACA Video). Try sushi party trays and California maki, plus rice toppings. For deliveries, call 727-6923/6849.

**Caribbean Barbecue at the Holiday Inn's Poolside Terrace.** Partake of crisp, fresh salads such as Rice Salad with ham and pineapple, seafood skewer, fish fillet wrapped in banana leaves and desserts starting Feb. 23, from 6:30 p.m.-10 p.m. For details, call 526-1212.

# X-manila

Nature Awareness and Conservation Club presents **Nature Adventure Activities** this season: March 10-11, Puerto Galera Beachieneering Galore; April 7-9, Coron and Caluit Adventure, a combination of marine and wilderness adventure. Swim in the Philippines' cleanest lake Kayangan, soak in a salted hot spring, snorkel in the coral garden and sunken ships and get to feed the giraffe out of the cage; April 9-15 Mt. Kanlaon Outreach Program; April 16-22 Bali Escapades. Discover the mystery of the East, relax lying in the sand watching the magnificent sunset, enjoy the colorful coral gardens; April 27-May 1, Bontoc-Sagada-Banawe; May 12, Calawis Educational Outreach Program. Let's help this community to grow and at the same time learn from their values of conserving the environment. Educational assistance and supplies will be appreciated; May 26, Kaliraya Lake, the club has planted about 150 seeds at the Kaliraya Watershed of Napocor. For details, call 806-1720 (look for Violeta Imperial), 6 p.m. onward.

Arts Council of Iloilo Foundation Inc. presents **The Diary of Anne Frank** by the Iloilo Theater Company, Feb. 23, 24, and March 1, 2 at CAP Auditorium, Gen. Luna Street, Iloilo City. For details, call (033) 3370204.

UP Dance Company's ***"Sayaw Salamat"*** tours various UP campuses, tagged Creative Collaboration in Dance on Feb. 21 in Iloilo, Feb. 23 in Cebu and Feb. 25 in Tacloban. It highlights the collaboration between composers and choreographers and stresses the dance degree program for 20 years now. Repertoire includes "Ernest" by Christine Maranan and James Asher, "Femina" by Floredeliza Fernandez and Hans Zimmer, among others. For details, call 527-2191 local 409.

**Reiko Araki Chastain** exhibits her works at Genluna Gallery (12 General Luna St., Davao City). Till Feb. 20. For details, call (082) 226-2104.

***Panagbenga* 2001 (Baguio Flower Festival) activities:** Feb. 18, floral floats parade; at Camp John Hay, Scout Hill ball field transforms into a virtual garden for the landscape and plant exhibits that will feature ornamental plants, novelty items and food specialties for sale; Flower Tee golf tournament, Feb. 24-25; Session Road is close on Feb. 23-25 to accommodate sidewalk cafés, flower carts and street performances. Other activities are the Flower Festival Ball, Feb. 24; Pony Boys' Day, Feb. 24; and the 21-kilometer marathon, Feb. 25.

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